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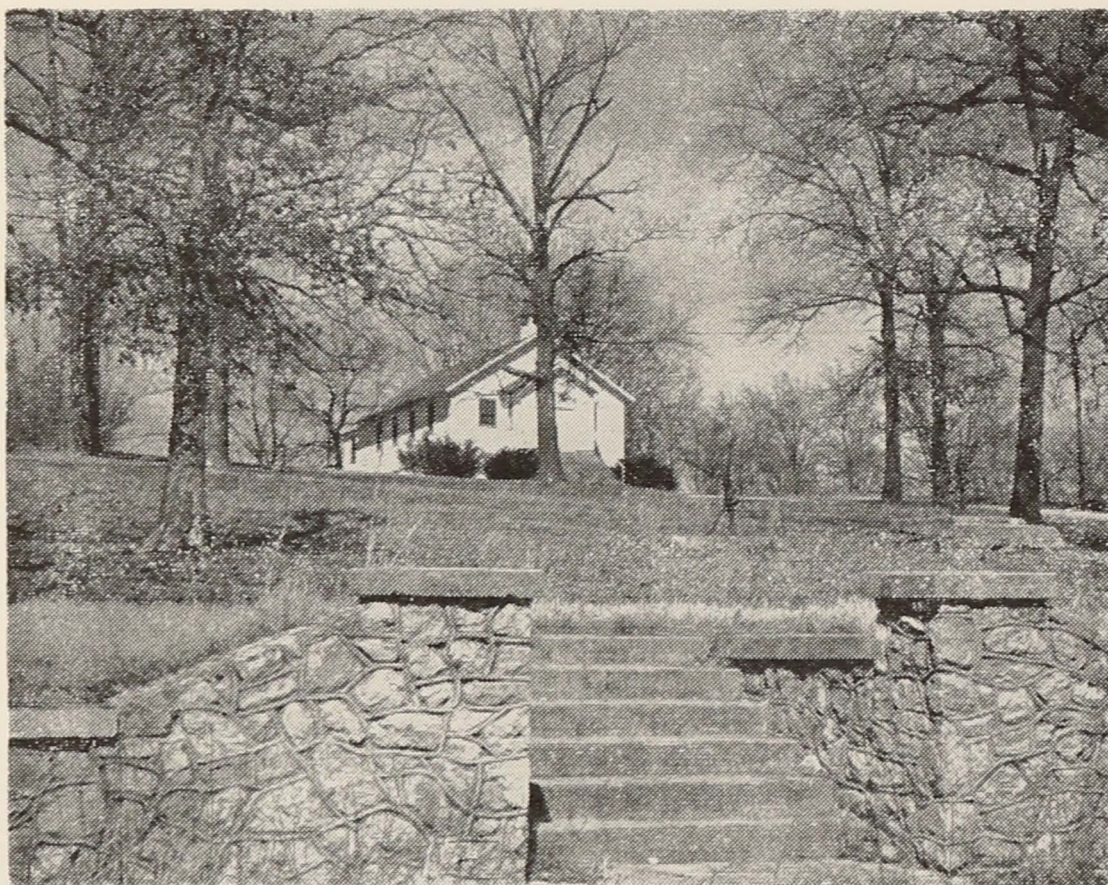
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JOHNSON BAPTIST CHURCH'S FIRST HALF CENTURY

by Thomas Rothrock

Part One

The Johnson Baptist Church Is Organized

This portion of a history of the Johnson Baptist Church is vague indeed. In so far as it can be learned, all records of the beginnings of the Church are lost.

Under the guidance of Fayetteville's First Church, the Johnson Baptist Church was organized about 1912. Fayetteville First Church's pastor, the Rev. Hunt, preached for the new Church several times after the organization. Pastors who followed were: H. P. Haley, 1919; G. E. Holt, 1921; O. Woodruff, 1923; Keen, 1925. Other pastors who served the Church are now unknown.

Probably the first deacon ordained by the Church was Hugh Lichlyter. Ben Johnson soon followed.

The Church carried on the work for something more than a decade before becoming inactive. As previously stated, all records are lost -- and, it could be added, memories are dim after all the years that have passed since then.

Part Two

The Johnson Union Sunday School

After several attempts which did not last, there was established at Johnson early in 1932 a Union Sunday School which proved to be a connecting link or bridge between the original Baptist Church and the Church which was reconstituted years later. The family of the one compiling this little history began attending this Union Sunday School in April of 1932. At this time Esau Begley was both superintendent and song leader; Mrs. Hortense Dunlevy teacher of the Adult class; Miss Ora Joe Hanks the young people. Mrs. Irene Crum also taught the young people for a period.

With the beginning of 1933 Tom Rothrock was elected Sunday School superintendent and remained such till after the Baptist Church was reactivated. Mrs. Ola Rothrock was teacher of the young people for many years. Other teachers through the years for the various classes were: Mr. Prince, Rev. Burrell Stephens, Paul Allen, Mrs. Dora Heckman, Mrs. Ruby Broyles, Mrs. Hortense Hendrix, Mrs. Nellie Stamper, Miss Bonnie Hanks, Miss Virginia Banks, Miss Sue Harper, Miss Ina Mae Johnson, Mrs. Joe Woods, Miss Elizabeth George, Tom Rothrock.

Assistant Sunday School superintendents were: Roy Heckman, Alvin Luper, Paul Allen, Mr. Prince.

Secretaries and Treasurers were: Mrs. Edith Johnson, Miss Kathleen George, Miss Laura Belle Scott, Mrs. Mildred Cassat.

Pianists were: Mrs. Beulah Cardwell, Mrs. Dora Heckman, Mrs. Ruby Broyles, Mrs. Irene Crum, Miss Alice Faye Cardwell.

Song leaders were: Frank Johnson, Esau Begley, Lee Bridenthal, Fred Qualls, Dewey Maxey.

From 1932 to 1936 the Rev. Graham (Baptist) from Springdale and the Rev. Freyschlag (Presbyterian) from Fayetteville each held services once a month. For the years 1937-38 our pastor was Ernie Miller, a student at the University of Arkansas. During the summer of 1938 the Rev. Prince of Springdale's First Baptist Church held a revival for us and made us a protectorate of his Church, although we retained our Union status.

Through the years our attendance averaged somewhere around 50; dropping some as World War II years commenced, due to the fact that some Johnson families moved away to take newly created jobs. Our average collection was in the neighborhood of one dollar. These were depression years. On March 7, 1937 the secretary reported a deficit of 68¢.

A community Christmas tree and program was always held by us, the money to defray the expenses being raised by a pie supper.

A list of families in attendance through the years would be about as follows: Crum, Johnson, Luper, Heckman, Hanks, Dunlevy, George, Combs, Diven, Rothrock, Banks, Allen, Qualls, Mahan, Wilkinson, Stamper, Kell, Harris, Curtis, Howard, Lyons, Williams, Miller, Webb, Graves, Woods, Stephens, Harper, Dillinger, Prince, Reed, Roper, Kelley, Stone, Preston, Bowman, Clark, Cardwell, Cassat, Broyles, Begley, Bridenthal, Maxey, Scott, Hendrix.

Although some records are available for this period, they are not at all complete, and, here again, memories are dimmed by passing years.

Part Three

The Johnson Baptist Church Reactivated

1944

July 30. Rev. J. S. Blystone, Associational Missionary for the Washington-Madison Association, acting as Moderator, called to order a meeting to reconstitute the Johnson Baptist Church.

Members of the old Johnson Baptist Church were: Dayne Johnson and Mrs. Mildred Cassat.

Those who had letters from the First Baptist Church of Springdale, Arkansas, were: Ollie Crum, Bill Crum, Mrs. Mayme Johnson, Doris Dean Johnson, Ina Mae Johnson, Richard Rothrock, Harold Cassat, Dorothy Jean Luper, James Cardwell, Alice Faye Cardwell, Allen Miller, Floyd Miller, Hoyt Combs Jr., Mrs. Nellie Stamper, Mrs. Florence Graue, Ward Graue.

Those who came on promise of letter were: Paul Allen, Mrs. Lena Allen, Alvin Luper, Mrs. Ola Rothrock, Irvin A. Rothrock, Rev. and Mrs. Burrell Stephens, Frank Johnson, Mrs. Edith Johnson, Hugh Lichlyter, Mrs. Emma Lichlyter, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Holt.

Candidates for baptism were: Billie Lee Diven, Mrs. Flora Luper, Thomas Rothrock.

The first officers elected by the Church were: Harold Cassat, treasurer; Alice Faye Cardwell, clerk. Membership this year was 25.

The minutes for the first year being lost, there is no further information and some given here is, perhaps, not as accurate as it should be.

1945

July 29. The Church voted to build a Church building on a site to the right of the school house and on land owned by Hugh Lichlyter.

August 12. The Rev. C. B. Glaize was called as supply pastor for an indefinite period, for two Sundays a month at \$10 per Sunday.

September 29. Mrs. Ola Rothrock was elected Church clerk and Mrs. Edith Johnson treasurer.

Mrs. Nellie Stamper, Mrs. Mabel Crum, Mrs. Letha Williams were elected as a nominating committee for deacons.

The Church adopted a budget and Rev. Glaize appointed a committee to take pledges for the Church fund, comprised of Hugh Lichlyter, Mrs. Nellie Stamper, Mrs. Ola Rothrock.

One hundred dollars of the Sunday School money was transferred to the building fund.

October 14. Hugh Lichlyter, Mrs. Nellie Stamper, F. M. Holt were selected as messengers to the Associational meeting.

Bryan Diven, Alvin Luper, Thomas Rothrock were elected as deacons of the Church. Mr. Diven accepted as deacon by statement; Mr. Luper and Mr. Rothrock are to be ordained.

December 19. Our pastor, the Rev. C. B. Glaize, has passed away and the Rev. J. S. Blystone acted as moderator.

The following building committee was elected: Ollie Crum, chairman; Hugh Lichlyter, Ward Graue, Frank Johnson, Mildred Cassat, Bryan Diven, Alvin Luper, Thomas Rothrock, treasurer.

The Church elected Ollie Crum, Hugh Lichlyter, Harold Cassat as trustees, and voted to call Rev. Blystone as supply pastor for the second and fourth Sundays till the Church can call a regular pastor.

Members received this year: By baptism -- Mrs. Letha Williams, Doyle Williams. By letter - Mrs. Sally Allen, Bryan Diven, Mrs. Gladys Diven, Mrs. Frankie Reed. Membership this year was 40.

1946

February 10. Ollie Crum, building committee chairman, put before the Church the committee's recommendation as to size and cost of the Church's building. The Church accepted a motion by Hugh Lichlyter that building begin immediately, using the Second Baptist Church of Fayetteville's building as a guide.

Rev. Blystone, as moderator, appointed the following building fund committee: Mrs. Ola Rothrock, chairman; Mrs. Nellie Stamper, Mrs. Edith Johnson, Mrs. Mabel Crum, Mrs. Mildred Cassat.

February 16. Mrs. Sallie Allen was granted her Church letter.

March 20. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lichlyter were given a vote of thanks for giving the land on which to build the Church building.

April 5. Rev. E. M. Logue was called as pastor. Hugh Lichlyter, Alvin Luper, Thomas Rothrock were elected as a committee to call on Rev. Logue.

April 14. Alvin Luper and Thomas Rothrock were ordained as deacons.

July 28. H. G. Nunn was accepted as a deacon by statement. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Holt were granted Church letters.

August 27. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen were granted Church letters.

September 15. The Rev. E. M. Logue was called as full-time pastor.

September 19. Rev. Scott Blystone was chosen to give the sermon at the dedication of our Church building on Sunday, Sept. 29, 1946.

September 25. The Church voted to have a Junior choir with Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Dowell as leaders. Business meetings will be on the first Wednesday night of each month, and the Lord's Supper will be held on the first Sunday of each quarter.

October 2. Hugh Lichlyter was chosen as a member of the executive board. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School superintendent: Thomas Rothrock, Hugh Lichlyter

Adult Class -- Bryan Diven, Charley Herndon

Young People -- Mrs. Ola Rothrock, Ward Graue

Intermediates -- Mrs. Joye Dowell, Mrs. Nellie Stamper

Juniors -- Mrs. H. G. Nunn, Mrs. Frankie Reed

Primaries -- Mrs. Charley Herndon, Mrs. Mabel Crum

Beginners -- Dorothy Luper, Mrs. Cliffie Combs

Church Clerk -- Mrs. Ola Rothrock

Secretary -- Mrs. Edith Johnson

Song Leader -- Frank Johnson

Pianist -- Alice Cardwell, Ina Mae Johnson

T. U. Director -- Mrs. Joye Dowell

Adult -- Thomas Rothrock

Young People -- Mrs. Ola Rothrock

Intermediates -- Mrs. Cordelia Peterson

Juniors -- Mrs. H. G. Nunn

Story Hour -- Mrs. Gladys Diven

W.M.U. President -- Mrs. Nellie Stamper

Delegates to the Associational Meeting: H.G.Nunn, Bryan Diven, Ollie Crum, with Frank Johnson as alternate.

Hugh Lichlyter, W. R. Peterson, Charley Herndon were accepted as deacons by statement.

November 6. There was a general discussion about the new seats, and waterproofing of cement surfaces, etc. about the Church's new building. The community Christmas tree will be held in the Church.

November 10. The plate offering this Sunday will be given to Mrs. Sutherland, whose boy needs shoes.

December 11. Fifty cups will be bought for use in the Church's kitchen.

December 18. Next Sunday's offering will be given to the Lottie Moon offering.

Membership received this year: By baptism: Claude Williams, Arlin Curry, Robert Curtis, Mrs. Beulah Cardwell, Dorcas Diven, Charles Johnson, Carolyn Logue, Steve Rothrock, I. M. Upton, Mrs. W. E. Upton. By letter: Mrs. Cliffie Combs, Mrs. Joye Dowell, Billy Frank Dowell, Mrs. A. J. S. Daugherty, James Nowlin, Charley Graue, Mrs. Charley Graue, Charley Herndon, Mrs. Charley Herndon, Rev. E. M. Logue, Mrs. Hazel Logue, H. G. Nunn, Mrs. H. G. Nunn, Peggy Jo Nunn, W. R. Peterson, Mrs. Cordelia Peterson, Mrs. I. M. Upton, Membership this year was 51.

1947

January 8. The Church voted to increase our pastor's salary to \$20 per week.

February 5. It was decided to send Ouachita College \$50 for 1947 and \$50 for 1948.

April 2. B. B. Johnson was given a vote of thanks for work done on the cabinet and doors. A discussion about waxing the floors of the Church building. The Church voted to have a revival beginning May 5, with the Rev. McClendon as evangelist and Al Feltz as song leader.

April 13. Fifty new song books with shaped notes will be bought.

June 4. There was a discussion about the Vacation Bible School. The Margaret Price Fund was given \$4.

July 9. The Church voted to have Rev. McClenden hold another meeting in October and to have a handrail put on the stairway.

July 20. Dorothy Jean Luper was granted her Church letter.

August 20. The Church building is to be completed by the addition of asbestos siding.

October 1. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School superintendent: Thomas Rothrock, Hugh Lichlyter

Adult Class: Bryan Diven, Charley Herndon

Young People: Mrs. Ola Rothrock, Roe Upton

Intermediates: Doyle Williams, Mrs. Cliffie Combs

Juniors: Mrs. H. G. Nunn, Bob Curtis

Primaries: Mrs. Florence Graue, Mrs. Mabel Crum

Beginners: Mrs. Letha Williams, Mrs. Gladys Diven

T. U. Director: Hugh Lichlyter

Adult Union: Roe Upton

Young People: Mrs. Ola Rothrock, Doyle Williams

Intermediates: Ina Mae Johnson

Juniors: Bob Curtis

Primaries: Mrs. Gladys Diven

Story Hour: Mrs. Letha Williams

Church Clerk: Mrs. Ola Rothrock

Secretary: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Pianist: Mrs. Beulah Cardwell

W.M.U. President: Mrs. Nellie Stamper

October 8. As in the preceding Church year, the Cooperative Program will be given \$5 per month.

October 19. The Church voted to improve the classrooms in the basement.

November 5. The flower fund will receive \$50 from the Budget. Rev. McClenden wrote that after being delayed by illness he can start the revival November 24.

December 10. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Herndon having removed to Stephenville, Texas, their Church letters were granted them.

We will have a Christmas tree.

Members received this year: By baptism: Joan Butler, Jimmie nunn, Don Peterson, Lee Perry, Mrs. Lee Perry, Karen Reams, Bobby Williams, Kathryn Williams, By letter: Ben T. Dewoody, Mrs. Ben T. Dewoody, Carroll Herndon, Lee Johnson, Marion Johnson, Ray Logue, Mrs. Ray Logue, D. H. Nunn, Mrs. D. H. Nunn, Ray Reams, George Reams, Mrs. George Reams.

Membership this year was 77.

1948

January 7. The Church voted to purchase additional equipment for the basement, and to purchase thermostats for the auditorium.

March 3. A general discussion about installing running water in our building.

March 7. Mrs. Hammond was given \$25 to buy medicine.

May 2. On this Sunday occurred the first wedding in our Church -- Clifford Newberry and Ina Mae Johnson.

September 8. Mr. and Mrs. George Reams, Ray Reams, Karen Reams were granted Church letters.

October 6. Officers and teachers for the ensuing Church year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Thomas Rothrock, Hugh Lichlyter

Adult Class: D. H. Nunn, Ewell Logue

Young People: Mrs. Ola Rothrock, Mrs. Cliffie Combs

Intermediates: Thomas Rothrock, Mrs. Ina Mae Newberry

Juniors: Mrs. Nellie Stamper, Mrs. Mildred Cassat

Primaries: Mrs. Florence Graue, Mrs. Mabel Crum

Beginners: Mrs. Letha Williams, Mrs. Gladys Diven

T.U. Director: Doyle Williams, Hugh Lichlyter

Secretary: Mrs. Cliffie Combs

Adult Union: Mrs. Emma Lichlyter, Mrs. D. H. Nunn

Young People: Mrs. Ola Rothrock

Intermediates: Mrs. Ben DeWoody, Mrs. McClelland

Juniors: Mrs. Hazel Logue, Mrs. Ina Mae Newberry

Primaries: Mrs. Gladys Diven

Story Hour: Mrs. Letha Williams

Church Clerk: Mrs. Ola Rothrock

Secretary: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Song Leader: Frank Johnson

Pianist: Mrs. Beulah Cardwell, Mrs. Joye Dowell

W.M.U. President: Mrs. D. H. Nunn

October 27. I. M. Upton was granted his Church letter.

December 1. A Christmas tree will be had on the evening of December 23rd.

Members received this year: By baptism: Wayne Ferguson, Mrs. Earl McClelland, Billie Sue McClelland, J. F. Mathews, Mrs. Ruth Mathews, Betty Mae Mathews, Clifford Newberry, Dora Upton, Leroy Williamson, Eula Mae Welkley, Mrs. Roxie Welkley. By letter: Mrs. Joye Dowell, Forest Hight, Mrs. Forest Hight, Barbara Hight, Kona Miller.

Membership this year was 78.

1949

January 5. All who can do so will meet January 8th to clean the churchyard.

February 27. This Sunday the first funeral was held in our Church -- Mrs. B. B. or Josie Johnson.

March 2. Plans were made for shrubs for our churchyard, and the Red Cross was given \$10.

March 16. Claude Williams was elected a candidate for deaconship.

May 4. Thanks were voted to Mr. Graue and Mr. Williams for the new offering plates and to Bill Crum for the table he made.

July 6. Ward Graue suggested we buy some hand fans.

August 3. Gutters will be installed on the churchhouse.

Alice Faye Cardwell was given a family Bible for the new home which she will soon help found.

September 7. Officers and teachers for the ensuing Church year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Thomas Rothrock, Hugh Lichlyter

Adult Class: Bryan Diven

Young People: Mrs. Letha Williams

Intermediates: Mrs. Forest Hight

Primaries: Mrs. Florence Graue

Beginners: Mrs. Gladys Diven

T.U. Director: Mrs. Ruth Mathews

Secretary: Mrs. Flora Luper

Adult Union: Mrs. Forest Hight

Young People: Ward Graue

Intermediates: Mrs. Hazel Logue

Story Hour: Mrs. Gladys Diven

W.M.U. President: Mrs. D. H. Nunn

Board: Hugh Lichlyter, E. M. Logue

We are to hold a revival the week of October 10th with Rev. Jordan of Springdale as evangelist and Paul McMillan as song leader.

Mrs. Edith Johnson was elected acting clerk.

October 26. It was decided to divide the Young People's Class between boys and girls, with Mrs. Forest Hight as teacher of the girls.

November 20. A Thanksgiving offering was given to the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

December 7. The Young People's Class was reunited. Mrs. Leake is asking for clothing and toys for underprivileged children.

Membership this year was 84.

1950

January 8. Rev. E. M. Logue resigns as pastor of our Church.

Mrs. Joye Dowell was granted her Church letter.

January 11, Hugh Lichlyter, D. H. Nunn, Ward Graue, Claude Williams, Tom Rothrock were elected as a pulpit committee.

February 8. Brother Lawrence Layman was called as a layman pastor till we call a regular pastor; his salary to be the same as paid Rev. E. M. Logue.

March 8. The men decided to meet the following night and make new tables for the Church dining room.

March 29. Brother Dan Bates from Fayetteville was called to hold a revival commencing on the 9th of April.

April 5. Tom Rothrock resigned as Sunday School Superintendent and Ward Graue was elected in his place.

April 26. Rev. Jack Taylor was called as pastor of our Church; his salary to be \$20 per week.

The Church voted to install a water system as soon as possible. Committee for installaion: Ollie Crum, Hugh Lichlyter, Forest Hight.

May 14. The Baptist Hospital at Little Rock was given \$20 as a Mother's Day gift.

June 7. The W.M.U. gave \$42.75 for the fund to install water system.

July 5. We are to have an altar.

August 2. Wiring will be added to take care of the fan. Association- al missions will be given \$10 per month instead of \$5 per month as in the past.

August 9. The Workers' Council was invited to meet at Johnson in September.

September 6. The Arkansas United Drys were given \$50; and State missions the Sunday evening offering.

Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Ward Graue, Hugh Lichlyter
 Adult Class: D. H. Nunn, Mrs. Nellie Stamper
 Young People: Mrs. Letha Williams, Mrs. Mary Keese
 Intermediates: Forest Hight
 Juniors: Mrs. Jack Taylor
 Primaries: Mrs. Florence Graue
 Beginners: Mrs. Rachel Williams, Mrs. Ruth Mathews
 T.U. Director: Mrs. Ruth Mathews, Tom Williams
 Secretary: Forest Hight
 Young People: Rufus Keese
 Juniors: Mrs. D. H. Nunn
 Story Hour: Mrs. Jack Taylor
 Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Doyle Williams
 Pianist: Mrs. Mary Keese, Mrs. Forest Hight, Mrs. Beulah Cardwell
 Board: Hugh Lichlyter, Jack Taylor
 W.M.U. President: Mrs. Forest Hight

Messengers to the Associational meeting: Mrs. Letha Williams, D. H. Nunn, Tom Rothrock.

October 1. Harvel Dowell was granted his Church letter.

November 15. The Church voted to have Rev. Jesse Coleman hold a revival.

December 13. The Rev. Jack Taylor's salary was raised \$5 per week. Church voted to build three classrooms on the north end of the Church; to be built out of tile blocks, with stove and light in each room.

Members received this year: By baptism: Mrs. Helen Baxter, Mrs. Hoyt Combs Jr., Mrs. Paul DeGarmo, Mrs. Sue Johnson, Mrs. Mozelle Simpson, Albert Simpson, Tommy Williams, James Welkley. By letter: Rufus Keese, Mrs. Mary Keese, Rev. Jack Taylor, Mrs. Jack Taylor, Mrs. Rachel Williams, By statement: Upton Simpson

Membership this year was 92.

1951

January 17. We are now sending Associational missions \$15 per month.

February 7. It was decided to paint the basement floor and walls; also to complete the driveway to the Church.

February 21. Virginia Johnson was given \$41 towards her medical bill; and the deacons are to look after the needs of Charley Riggs.

March 18. The Sunday evening offering was given to the Annie Armstrong mission work.

The Rev. Jack Taylor resigned as pastor of our Church.

March 25. A pulpit committee was elected as follows: Frank Mathews, Upton Simpson, Ben Dewoody, Tom Rothrock, Tommie Williams.

The Red Cross was given \$10.

April 4. The Rev. E. M. Logue was called as pastor; salary to be \$125 per month.

The Church voted to apply to the Mission Board for \$50 per month in order to pay Rev. Logue \$175 per month.

May 23. Rev. Logue was sent to the State Convention with expenses paid.

June 6. Our Sunday School Superintendent, Ward Graue, was sent to Ridge Crest with expenses paid.

It was voted to have a sign made and put up pointing to the Church, and also to have the yard mowed.

August 22. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dewoody were granted their Church letters.

The Rev. Victor Coffman was called to hold a revival meeting September 5. The offering of Sunday next will be given to the Kansas flood victims.

Fifty new song books are to be purchased.

September 19. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Ward Graue, Hugh Lichlyter

Bible Class: D. H. Nunn, Mrs. Nellie Stamper

Adults: Frank Mathews, Mrs. Ruth Mathews

Young People: Mrs. Letha Williams, Ward Graue

Intermediates: Rufus Keese, Mrs. Hazel Logue

Juniors: Mrs. Hight, Mrs. Gladys Diven

Primaries: Mrs. Florence Graue, Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson

Beginners: Mrs. Mozelle Simpson, Mrs. Dorcas Curtis

T.U. Director: Mrs. Ruth Mathews, Mrs. Cliffie Combs

Secretary: Tom Rothrock

Young People: Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Rufus Keese

Intermediates: Mrs. Mary Keese, Upton Simpson

Juniors: Mrs. Hazel Logue

Primaries: Mrs. Edith Johnson, Mrs. Earl McClelland

Beginners: Mrs. Mabel Crum, Mrs. Dorcas Curtis

Church Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson

Pianist: Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Mrs. Mary Keese, Mrs. Beulah Cardwell, Mrs. Forest Hight

Board Member: Hugh Lichlyter

W.M.U. President: Mrs. Letha Williams

The Church voted to pay our pastor \$40 per week; and 5% each for the Cooperative Program and the Association, of our Church offerings.

September 10. Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Williams were granted their Church letters.

October 7. The Workers' Council was invited to meet with us in November 1951 and the Association in October 1952. (The last invitation was refused because our Church was not large enough.)

October 31. Mrs. Helen Baxter was granted her Church letter.

December 12. A fine Christmas basket was fixed for a needy family.

Members received this year: By baptism: Mrs. A. L. Hall, Mrs. Helen Perry, Mrs. Lillian Phillips, L.W. Wilkinson, Mrs. Lila Belle Wilkinson; By letter: Howard Calhoun, Mrs. Belle Calhoun, Dorothy Calhoun, R. T. McCroan, Mrs. R.T. McCroan, Mrs. R.M. Muncy, Mrs. Velma Rothrock.

1952

January 2. It was decided to have a Sunday School study course with D. H. Nunn as teacher.

January 20. The officers of the newly-organized Brotherhood are President, Hugh Lichlyter, Ward Graue; Program, Frank Mathews; Membership, Howard Calhoun; Song Leader, Upton Simpson; Secretary and Treasurer, Tom Rothrock.

January 27. Rev. G. W. Morrison was called to hold our coming revival in April.

April 2. One hundred dollars was voted to help rebuild tornado-torn Baptist churches in Arkansas.

May 25. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hight and Barbara were granted their Church letters.

May 28. Mrs. Frankie Reed was granted her Church letter.

June 4. Rev. Logue's expenses were paid to the Rural Church Conference at Ouachita College.

July 27. The Rev. Eugene Stockwell of Westville, Oklahoma was called for a revival in October.

August 20. Frank Mathews and Ward Graue were elected as deacons of the Church, the ordination service to be held September 14, 1952.

September 17. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Ward Graue, Tom Rothrock
 Bible Class: D. H. Nunn, Mrs. Nellie Stamper
 Adult: Frank Mathews, Howard Calhoun
 Young People: Mrs. Letha Williams, Ward Graue
 Intermediates: Mrs. Lilabel Wilkinson, Mrs. Mary Keese
 Juniors: Mrs. Ina Mae Newberry, Mrs. Hazel Logue
 Primaries: Mrs. Dorcas Curtis, Mrs. Florence Graue
 Beginners: Mrs. Mozelle Simpson, Mrs. Loy Bailey
 T.U. Director: Frank Mathews, Mrs. D. H. Nunn
 Secretary: Tom Rothrock
 Adult Union: Mrs. Letha Williams
 Young People: Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Mrs. Rufus Keese
 Intermediates: Mrs. Rufus Keese, Upton Simpson
 Juniors: Mrs. Mildred Cassat, Mrs. Ruth Mathews
 Primaries: Mrs. Hazel Logue, Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Beginners: Mrs. Flora Luper, Mrs. Earl McClelland
 Church Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson
 Pianist: Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Mrs. Mary Keese
 W.M.U. President: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Brotherhood President: D. H. Nunn
 New Board Member: D. H. Nunn
 New Trustee: Bob Curtis

W. K. Smith was selected to paint the Church building.

November 5. Our pastor's salary was raised \$5 to \$45 per week.

November 12. In a meeting called by Associational missionary, Rev. A. L. Leake, our Church voted unanimously to accept the ordination papers of Rev. E. M. Logue as satisfactory and valid.

November 16. The Rev. E. M. Logue and wife were sent as delegates to the State Convention with expenses paid.

December 3. An estimate was given in regard to the cost of building two classrooms and two rest rooms, the estimate begin \$900. Pledges were made to the amount of \$580 and it was voted to begin work atonce.

Members received in 1952: By baptism: Joe Bailey, Charles Cassat, George Gray Jr., M. M. Hinkle, Mrs. M. M. Hinkle, David Harmon, Fred Laney, Jewell Welkley. By letter: George Gray, Mrs. Wilma Gray, Harold Harmon, Mrs. Tony Harmon, Carroll Loyd Harmon. By statement: Loy Bailey, Mrs. Loy Bailey, Tony Harmon, Loren Stubblefield, Mrs. Loren Stubblefield.

1953

January 7. There is \$782.50 on hand to build the class and rest rooms.

February 18. We will have an Evangelistic Council comprised of the pastor, the Sunday School superintendent, the Training Union director, the Brotherhood president, the Women's Missionary Union president.

March 4. The W.M.U. was advanced \$48 to pay for a coffee maker, the money to be paid back in the near future.

March 15. Summer field workers will be invited.

March 25. A \$2.50 medicine bill was paid for the Dicker child.

April 29. Rev. E. M. Logue and wife were sent as delegates to the State Convention, with expenses paid.

May 27. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Nunn were granted their Church letters; also, Steve Rothrock's name was taken from the Church roll so as he could unite with the Methodist Church.

June 3. Our annual Sunday School picnic will be held at Weddington.

July 1. Frank Mathews was elected a Board member and Mrs. Edith Johnson principal of the Vacation Bible School.

July 16. The Rev. Roe Mathews was called to hold a revival the last week in August and the first week in September; John D. Mitchell to be song leader.

September 16. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.; Ward Graue, Tom Rothrock
 Bible Class: Tom Rothrock, Bryan Diven
 Adult: Frank Mathews, Mrs. Velma Rothrock
 Young People: Mrs. Letha Williams, Ward Graue
 Intermediates: Mrs. Lilabel Wilkinson
 Junior Boys: Doyle Williams
 Junior Girls: Mrs. Mbel Crum
 Beginners: Mrs. Hazel Logue, Mrs. Florence Graue
 T.U. Director: Frank Mathews, Mrs. Wilma Gray
 Adult Union: Mrs. Letha Williams
 Young People: Mrs. Velma Rothrock
 Intermediates: Mrs. Mary Keese
 Juniors: Mrs. Ruth Mathews, Mrs. Mildred Cassat
 Primaries: Mrs. Hazel Logue, Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Beginners: Mrs. Edith Johnson, Mrs. Hazel Logue
 Church Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Song Leader: Frank Johnson
 Pianist: Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Mrs. Mary Keese
 Brotherhood President: Frank Mathews
 W.M.U. President: Mrs. Wilma Gray
 Board Member: Frank Mathews

October 4. Our pastor's salary was raised \$5 to \$50 per week. We will purchase 64 bookholders for the back of the seats.

November 15. Rev. and Mrs. Logue were sent to the State Convention, with expenses paid.

Members received this year were: By baptism: Harold Bailey, James Diven, Mrs. Billie Lee Diven, Sonya Dill, Sharon Graue.

1954

February 24. The Church voted to have Rev. Wiles hold a fall revival and to have Rev. Drake hold a revival in April.

Albert Simpson's name was taken from the Church roll so as he could join another Church.

March 3. Mrs. Edith Johnson was selected as principal of the Vacation Bible School to be held in June.

April 28. Mrs. Jessie Hall was granted her Church letter.

May 2. Rev. E. M. Logue resigned as pastor of our Church.

May 5. Frank Mathews, chairman of the Board of Deacons, appointed the following pulpit committee: Tom Rothrock, Rufus Keese, George Gray and Ward Graue.

We will meet Monday evening, June 10, to clean and wax the floors.

May 26. Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Logue and daughter Carolyn were granted their Church letters.

June 17. The Rev. Oakley Long was called as our pastor.

June 23. A group of workers from First Church, Springdale, will help with our Vacation Bible School.

July 7. A vote of thanks was given Frank and Edith Johnson for taking care of the Training Field workers.

July 12. Sonya Dill was granted her Church letter.

September 1. Messengers to the Associational meeting are: Frank Mathews, Claude Williams, Mrs. Letha Williams.

September 5. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Ward Graue, Tom Rothrock
 Bible Class: Tom Rothrock, Mrs. Nellie Stamper
 Young Married People: Frank Mathews, Mrs. Velma Rothrock
 Young People: Mrs. Letha Williams, Ward Graue
 Intermediates: Mrs. Oakley Long, Rufus Keese
 Junior Girls: Mrs. Mabel Crum, Mrs. Mary Keese
 Junior Boys: Doyle Williams, Upton Simpson
 Primaries: Mrs. Ruth Mathews, Mrs. Flora Luper
 Beginners: Mrs. Florence Graue, Mrs. Mozelle Simpson
 Cradle Roll: Mrs. Velma Rothrock
 T.U. Director: Frank Mathews, Mrs. Wilma Gray
 Secretary: Tom Rothrock
 Adult Union: Mrs. Letha Williams, Mrs. Flora Luper
 Young People: Mrs. Velma Rothrock
 Intermediates: Mrs. Mary Keese, Wilma Long
 Juniors: Mrs. Ruth Mathews, Mrs. Lillian Phillips
 Primaries: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Beginners: Mrs. Ina Mae Newberry
 Church Clerk, Secretary & Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson
 Pianist: Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Mrs. Mary Keese, Wilma Long
 Brotherhood President: Frank Johnson
 W.M.U. President: Mrs. Wilma Gray
 Vacation Bible School Principal: Mrs. Edith Johnson

October 6. In the month of October we had 8 join by letter and 15 by baptism. The Rev. M. E. Wiles was the evangelist for the revival and Lawrence Layman the song leader.

November 3. A Thanksgiving offering will be given the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

November 24. Construction is to start on two more classrooms and a baptistry at once. Rev. O. C. Long appointed the following building committee: Ollie Crum, Ross Cox, Upton Simpson, Frank Mathews, Frank Johnson.

December 1. The Workers' Conference was invited to meet with our Church in January.

December 12. This Sunday evening a group of young people from Springdale gave a Bible story play in our Church.

Members received this year were: By baptism: Lorine Byrd, George Lenke, Mrs. Ruth Lenke, Ross Cox, Mrs. Joye Cox, Virgil Harmon, Mrs. Jean Little, Alvin Terry, Mrs. Marie Terry, B. H. Moss, Mrs. Hilda Moss, Herbert Graue, Mrs. Maryln Graue, Loyd Wilkinson, Boyd Barger, Barbara Johnson, Lola Welkley, Chester Welkley, James Kesner, Martha Hogan, Marie Johnson. By letter: Rev. O. C. Long, Mrs. O. C. Long, Leslie Long, Wilma Long, Mrs. Ruth Williams, M. C. Pack, Mrs. M. C. Pack, Mrs. Ruth Morris.

1955

January 2. The building committee will go ahead with finishing and painting the Church auditorium.

January 16. The Rev. M. T. McGregor of Texarkana was called to hold our revival in April; and Rev. and Mrs. Leake will hold a study course the first of February.

January 19. The Young People's Class will have use of the new west classroom.

February 9. A platform large enough for a choir will be built.

February 16. A Church census will be taken on Sunday, March 6th.

February 27. Our Church voted to enter the rural church contest.

March 9. An additional fifty chairs were purchased.

April 6. Rev. Long appointed two ushers to serve Easter Dunay -- Bill Crum and James Little.

May 4. Two pot-plants will be purchased: one to be given to the oldest mother, the other to the youngest mother, present in our Church on Mother's Day.

May 19. Rev. Long's salary was raised \$5 to \$40 per week.

May 22. The old building committee will serve for the building of the bell-tower. Claude Williams is added to the committee.

Mrs. H. G. Nunn was granted her Church letter.

August 10. The Rev. Jerry Hopkins of Siloam Springs was called to hold a revival in October of this year; and the Rev. Jessie Reed to hold a revival in March 1956.

September 7. H. G. Nunn was granted his Church letter.

Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Superintendent: Frank Mathews

Bible Class: Tom Rothrock, Mrs. Nellie Stamper

Young Married People: Frank Mathews, Mrs. Ina Mae Newberry

Young People: Ward Graue, Mrs. Velma Rothrock

Intermediates: Mrs. Oakley Long

Juniors: Mrs. Mabel Crum

Primaries: Mrs. Mildred Cassat

Beginners: Mrs. Florence Graue

T.U. Director: Tom Rothrock

Secretary: George Gray

Adult Union: Frank Mathews

Intermediates: Mrs. Ruth Mathews

Juniors: Mrs. Marie Terry

Primaries: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Beginners: Wilma Long

W.M.U. President: Mrs. Wilma Gray

Church Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Pianist: Mrs. Mary Keese, Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Wilma Long

Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson

Brotherhood President: Frank Johnson

October 5. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crum were granted their Church letters.

October 19. A sign will be painted for the front of our Church.

November 12. The cabinet in the Church kitchen is to be covered and painted. The film "Martin Luther" will be shown in our Church.

December 7. Our Contribution to the Cooperative Program will be raised from 5% to 10% of our income.

We will have a Christmas program on Friday night, December 23rd.

Members received this year were: By baptism: Donald Terry. By letter: James Little.

1956

January 11. The Church voted to have Dr. Walter Johnson of Fayetteville teach a Sunday School study course on "The Teachings of Jesus."

January 25. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peterson were granted their Church letters.

April 4. The Arkansas Baptist Hospital was given \$50 as a Mother's Day offering.

Rev. O. C. Long appointed a committee to purchase a Ditto machine for making Church bulletins -- Frank Mathews and Tom Rothrock.

May 2. Mrs. Eula May Cole was granted her Church letter.

May 16. Rev. O. C. Long's expenses to the Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, will be paid.

August 1. Mrs. Lillian Phillips was granted her Church letter.

September 4. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Frank Mathews, Tony Harmon

Adult Class: Tom Rothrock, Mrs. Ruth Mathews

Young Married People: Doyle Williams, Bob Curtis

Young People: Mrs. Claude Williams

Intermediates: Mrs. O. C. Long

Juniors: Mrs. Mabel Crum

Primaries: Mrs. Mildred Cassat

Beginners: Mrs. Ward Graue

T.U. Director: Tom Rothrock, Mrs. Wilma Gray

Secretary: Ross Cox

Adult Union: Frank Mathews

Young People: Mrs. Mildred Cassat

Intermediates: Mrs. Ruth Mathews, Mrs. Marie Terry

Juniors: Mrs. Joye Cox

Primaries: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Beginners: Mrs. Cliffie Combs

Story Hour: Mrs. Gladys Diven

Church Clerk, Sec. & Treas.: Mrs. Edith Johnson, Mrs. Joye Cox

Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson

Pianist: Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Mrs. Mary Keese

Brotherhood President: Claude Williams

W.M.U. President: Mrs. Mabel Crum

Vacation Bible School Principal: Mrs. Edith Johnson

It was voted to include the Ark. Baptist paper in our Church budget.

September 12. Clarence Phillips was granted his Church letter.

September 16. Wilma Long was granted her Church letter.

September 26. The Anti-Racing Fund was given \$7.

October 10. Rev. Burton Miley of Springdale was chosen to teach a study course in January.

October 17. Marie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Newberry were granted their Church letters.

October 31. The Church voted to give \$200 to the Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas.

November 20. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ivey were granted their Church letters.

December 5. Rev. O. C. Long appointed a committee for improving the road to our Church: Ross Cox, George Gray, Claude Williams.

Members received this year were: By baptism: Martha Martin, Carolyn Terry, Herndon Harris, Clarence Phillips, G. A. Hendrix, Dorothy Drew. By letter: Mrs. Alberta Martin, J. C. Ivey, Mrs. J. D. Ivey, Dale Hutchinson, Mrs. Yvonne Hutchinson, Mrs. Dorothy Cooper.

1957

February 13. The Rev. Scott Blystone of Lebanon, Missouri was called to hold a revival in June.

March 24. The choir of the Baptist Institute of the Ozarks, of Bella Vista, will have charge of our morning service, Sunday March 31st.

April 3. The Church floors will be sanded and varnished.

April 17. James Cardwell was granted his Church letter.

May 1. Lawrence Layman will lead singing during the June revival.

June 5. Mr. and Mrs. James Little were granted their Church letters.

The Negro College at Little Rock was given \$50.

July 21. The midweek services of our Church will be dismissed for three weeks so as all members will be able to attend the tent revival being conducted in Fayetteville by the Rev. H. Harold Smith of Fort Smith.

July 28. Billie Frank Dowell was granted his Church letter.

August 28. Mrs. Ruth Morris was granted her Church letter.

September 19. Wilma Long was granted her Church letter.

September 25. The Rev. O. C. Long resigned as pastor of our Church.

Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Superintendent: Frank Mathews

W.M.U. President: Mabel Crum

Board Member: Frank Mathews

Vacation Bible School Principal: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Brotherhood President: Claude Williams.

October 2. Ward Graue donated a small table to the Church. A supply pastor will be paid \$20 per Sunday. Each family will buy its own Arkansas Baptist.

October 6. A pulpit committee was elected composed of Rufus Keese, Mrs. Wilma Gray, Claude Williams.

October 27. Ollie Crum, Harold Cassat, Bob Curtis, as trustees, are to purchase a new stove for the Church.

October 30. The Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Long and Leslie Long were granted their Church letters.

December 4. It was decided to have our Associational Missionary, Rev. Tommie Hinson, teach our January study course.

The pulpit committee recommended the Rev. Lynn Weir as pastor for our Church and he was unanimously elected.

December 11. It was voted to pay Rev. Lynn Weir \$35 per week and to buy him and wife a Christmas present.

December 15. The Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Weir presented themselves for membership. Also received this year, by letter, Wilma Long, Baptisms, none.

1958

January 11. Mrs. Gayle Weir, Mrs. Ruth Mathews and Sharon Graue volunteered to work in the Church nursery.

February 19. Rufus and Mary Keese were granted their Church letters.

February 26. Our spring revival will be held April 21-30, with Associational Missionary, Rev. Tommie Hinson, as evangelist, and John Johnson as song leader.

April 2. The W.M.U. ladies borrowed money from the Church to buy vanilla to sell, to buy a 75-piece punch set.

May 21. The Church voted to pay Rev. and Mrs. Weir's expenses to the Rural Pastors' Conference in June.

July 16. Mrs. Sarah Munsy was granted her Church letter.

August 13. Ross Cox was elected to serve as a deacon of our Church.

September 3. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stubblefield were granted their Church letters.

September 10. Mrs. Jewell Hartman was granted her Church letter.

Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Superintendent: Frank Mathews

Adult Class: Tom Rothrock

Young Married People: Dale Hutchinson

Young People: Mrs. Yvonne Hutchinson

Intermediates: Mrs. Ruth Mathews

Junior Boys: Rex George

Junior Girls: Mrs. Bob Russell
 Primaries: Mrs. Lila Belle Wilkinson
 Beginners: Mrs. Florence Graue
 Nursery: Mrs. Letha Williams
 T.U. Director: Bob Russell, Mrs. Wilma Gray
 Secretary: George Gray
 Adult Union: Tom Rothrock
 Young People: & Intermediates: Mrs. Letha Williams, Mrs. Mildred Cassat
 Juniors: Mrs. Marie Terry
 Primaries: Mrs. Dorcas Curtis
 Beginners: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Church Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson
 Pianist: Mrs. Bob Russell, Mrs. Yvonne Hutchinson, Boyd Barger
 Brotherhood President: Claude Williams
 W.M.U. President: Mrs. Yvonne Hutchinson
 Board Member: Frank Mathews
 Vacation Bible School Principal: Mrs. Mildred Cassat
 Trustee: Frank Johnson in place of Ollie Crum resigned

September 24. George Gray was elected to serve as a deacon.

October 8. David Harmon was granted his Church letter.

October 12. Ross Cox and George Gray were ordained as deacons.

November 12. Don Peterson was granted his Church letter.

December 3. Our pastor, Rev. Lynn Weir, will teach our study course on Mark, in January.

Members received this year were: By Baptism: Hubert Bookout, Mrs. Alice Lorraine Bookout, Glenn Bookout, Gary Luper, Carroll Sue Wilkinson, Donna Barton, Constance Elmore. By letter: Mrs. Ida Lea Luper, Rex George, Mrs. Rex George, Bob Russell, Mrs. Bob Russell.

1959

January 7. Some new song books will be purchased.

Brother Jamie Coleman was called to hold a revival the first week in April.

January 29. Ray and Dorothy Logue were granted their Church letters.

February 4. Rev. Lynn Weir's salary was raised \$5 to \$40 per week.

March 11. Ross Cox, Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson, Bob Russell are a committee to purchase a new piano. Our piano in the basement will be given to the community house.

August 19. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Frank Mathews, Herbert Graue

Adult Class: Tom Rothrock

Young Married People: Dale Hutchinson

Young People: Mrs. Ida Lea Luper

Intermediates: Mrs. Letha Williams

Junior Boys: Rev. Lynn Weir; Jr Girls: Mrs. Lillian Phillips

Primaries: Mrs. Dorcas Curtis

Beginners: Mrs. Mozelle Simpson

Nursery: Mrs. Jean Little

T.U. Director: Mrs. Yvonne Hutchinson, Mrs. Wilma Gray

Church Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson

Pianist: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Rothrock, Boyd Barger

Brotherhood President: Claude Williams

W.M.U. President: Mrs. Jean Little

Vacation Bible School Principal: Mrs. Edith Johnson

September 2. Ross Cox, Frank Johnson, Claude Williams are a committee to black-top the road from Main Street to our Church.

It was decided to take the second Wednesday night in each month for visitation.

November 4. A Sunday School study course will be held in January, on Baptist beliefs.

December 16. Peggy Joe Nunn was granted her Church letter.

Members received this year were: By baptism: Robert Curtis, Rex Curtis, Gayle Bookout, Wayne McCamey, Mrs. Joe Bailey. By letter: O. W. Taylor, Mrs. O.W. Taylor, James Little, Mrs. Jean Little, Mrs. Lillian Phillips, Ben Dewoody, Mrs. Ben Dewoody.

1960

February 12. It was voted to install a new louver for the big fan that cools the Church, the old louver being too noisy.

July 6. Claude Williams will repaint the Church building.

September 7. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Herbert Graue, Frank Mathews
 Adult Class: Tom Rothrock, Frank Mathews
 Young Married People: Dale Hutchinson
 Young People: Mrs. Letha Williams
 Intermediates: Mrs. Martha Hendrix
 Juniors: Mrs. Lila Belle Wilkinson
 Primaries: Mrs. Dorcas Curtis, Mrs. Mary Jane Johnson
 Beginners: Mrs. Gayle Weir
 T.U. Director: Tom Rothrock
 Secretary: Ross Cox
 Adult Union: Mrs. Ruth Mathews, Frank Mathews
 Young People: Mrs. Yvonne Hutchinson
 Intermediates: Mrs. Velma Rothrock
 Juniors: Mrs. Ida Lea Luper
 Primaries and Beginners: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Secretary, Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson
 Pianist: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Rothrock, Boyd Barger
 Song Leader: Frank Johnson, Upton Simpson
 Brotherhood President: Claude Williams
 W.M.U. President: Mrs. Edith Johnson

November 16. The Arkansas Baptist newsmagazine will be put in the budget -- 20 copies.

The Rev. Lynn Weir resigned as pastor of our Church, effective January 1, 1961.

Members received this year: By baptism: J. P. Garrett, Mike Graue, Mrs. Renna Cochenour, Aundra Sue Cochenour. By letter: James Lyons, Mrs. Mary Jane Johnson.

1961

January 15. Our Church voted unanimously to call the Rev. T. O. Spicer Jr. as pastor.

Dr. Alexander Best, our Associational Missionary, was voted \$50 towards the expense of a missionary trip to Scotland -- and incidentally, to visit his native Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Little, Wayne and Holly Jean Little were granted their Church letters.

March 1. Wendell and Betty Taylor were granted their Church letters.

April 5. Rev. Lynn and Gayle Weir were granted their Church letters.

We will have recreation for Intermediates and Juniors each Sunday evening one hour before Training Union and on the third Thursday evening while Brotherhood and W.M.U. meet. This being Youth Week, the Intermediates and Juniors will have charge of the Sunday service.

May 3. Hoyt Combs Jr. and wife were granted their Church letters.

May 17. Rev. T. O. Spicer Jr., our pastor, will be made a study out of the classroom being used by the Junior boys, they being moved to the southwest corner classroom. Also, our pastor will be Vacation Bible School Principal.

We voted to send the Baptist Church at Harrison \$50 for flood relief.

June 21. The Rev. Coy Samples of Almyra, Arkansas will be the evangelist for a revival at our Church August 13-20, with Carl Drake of Fayetteville as our song leader.

July 5. It was voted to purchase a new machine for printing our Church bulletins, paying the difference of \$50 between a new machine and the old.

August 2. An electric organ will be rented for our revival.

September 6. Mrs. Joye Cox, Mrs. Mabel Crum, Mrs. Mildred Cassat will be our messengers to the Associational Meeting.

October 1. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year are:

Sunday School Supt.: Dale Hutchinson, Frank Mathews

Secretary: Ross Cox, Mrs. Mildred Cassat

Song Leader: Frank Johnson, T.O. Spicer Jr.

Pianist: Boyd Barger, Mrs. Martha Spicer

Adult Class: Tom Rothrock, Frank Mathews

Young Adults: Mrs. Martha Spicer, Dale Hutchinson

Young People: Mrs. Letha Williams, Mrs. Velma Rothrock

Intermediates: Mrs. Lila Belle Wilkinson, Mrs. Mozelle Simpson

Junior Girls: Mrs. Lillian Phillips, Mrs. Mozelle Simpson

Junior Boys: Boyd Barger, T.O. Spicer Jr.

Primaries: Mrs. Edith Johnson, Mrs. Marie Terry

Nursery: Mrs. Yvonne Hutchinson

T.U. Director: Mrs. Dorothy Cooper, Tom Rothrock

Secretary: Alvin Terry, Ross Cox

Song Leader: James Diven, Frank Johnson

Pianist: Mrs. Martha Spicer, Mrs. Velma Rothrock

Adult Union: Mrs. Mabel Crum

Young People: James Diven

Intermediates: Mrs. Velma Rothrock, Mrs. Lila Belle Wilkinson

Juniors: Bob Curtis, Mrs. Joye Cox

Primaries: Mrs. Dorcas Curtis, Mrs. Mozelle Simpson

Beginners: Carol Wilkinson, Mrs. Edith Johnson

Church Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. Edith Johnson

Brotherhood President: Claude Williams

W.M.U. President: Mrs. Letha Williams

In 1962 a complete Six and Eight Point record system will be set up throughout the Sunday School and Training Union respectively.

October 25. Mrs. Beulah Cardwell was granted her Church letter.

Claude Williams accepted the contract to re-decorate Church basement.

November 29. Our annual Christmas program will be held December 22.

The open-faced stoves in our Church basement classrooms will be made safer; and our trustees will purchase a fire extinguisher.

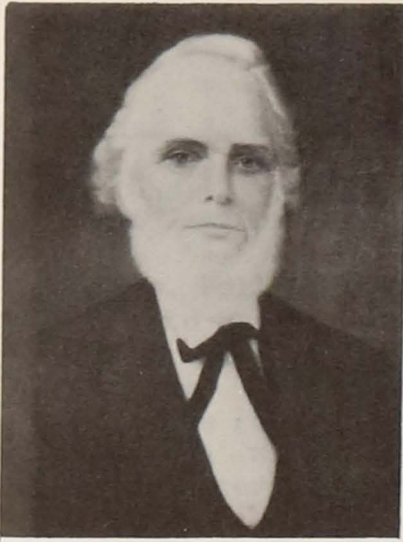
December 6. Bob Curtis, Dale Hutchinson, Herbert Graue, three of the younger men in our Church, were elected to serve as deacons.

G. A. and Martha Hendrix were granted their Church letters.

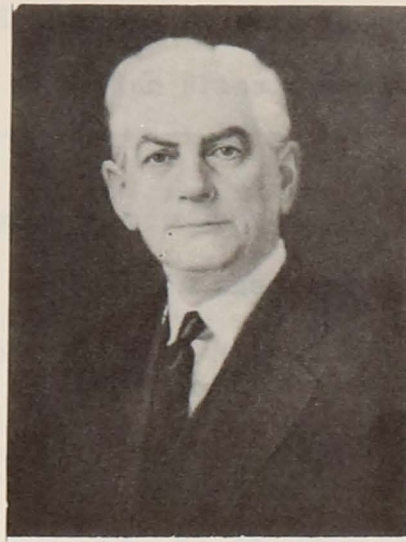
Members received this year: By letter: T. O. Spicer Jr., Mrs. Martha Spicer, Grover Cochenour.

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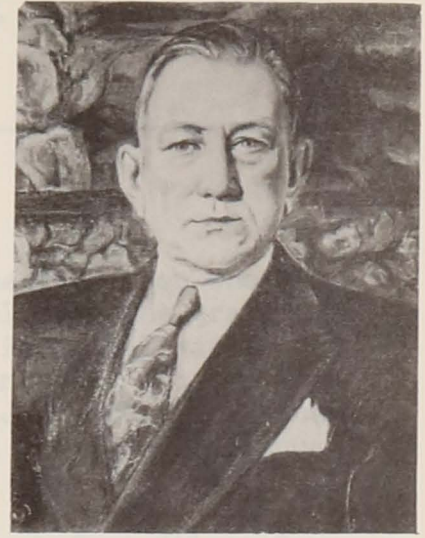
The McIlroy Bank of Fayetteville



William McIlroy
The Founder



James H. McIlroy
His Son



Hayden McIlroy
His Grandson

(From paintings hanging in the McIlroy Bank)



Early photograph of Center Street, Fayetteville, showing the original McIlroy Bank building, the Van Winkle Hotel, the Stephen K. Stone corner, and other early buildings. Photo by Howerton, pioneer photographer, probably made in 1872.

SOME PIONEERS AT RIEFF'S CHAPEL

by Marian Brinson Lisman

At last one of the mysteries is solved.

Mrs. Polly Brinson, who lies in the native-stone vault on the hill at Cato Springs where the pine tree stands sentinel over the graves of many relatives, is none other than Mary Rieff. In identical vaults beside her are (1) Mary Alexander Rieff, a sister-in-law, who was also known as Polly, and (2) Hannah Rieff, the wife of John Rieff. Hannah and John were the parents of Mary, a child named for her Wilschannah grandmother and most often called Polly.

At Rieff Chapel Cemetery, John Rieff, the patriarch from Wilson County, Tennessee, is surrounded in death, as he was in life, by numerous members of his family. It is now apparent that five of the six Rieff children who grew to maturity are buried in the plot: Orren M., Washington G., Polly, Henry, and Elizabeth. (I include Elizabeth, whose grave I have not seen, because her husband, Capt. T.J. Kelly, is here in the Kelly section.)

And here, as well, his place indicated by a neat marble marker, is another son-in-law, the Reverend Thomas M. Brinson (1813-1865), the Baptist clergyman who was Polly's husband. Here are grandchildren including one of John Rieff's first, a namesake, John Martin Brinson, son of Polly and Thomas, who was born in Tennessee on Sept. 7, 1835. This grandson's second name was for Martin, Polly's brother, the husband of Mary Alexander mentioned above.

(Mary Alexander Rieff died in 1845 at the age of 24. In April of 1853 which was a year of parting for the Rieff family, Martin with his children and his second wife set out for California. After an arduous five months and three days, the travelers arrived safely in Sacramento.)

Martin is not in Rieff Chapel Cemetery, but great-grandchildren of John and Hannah are, including Mary and Corabelle, two daughters of John Brinson who died quite young.

The searcher for John Rieff's headstone amongst all these generations of kith and kin would find only a foot marker, "J.R.", and a fragment of marble reading "82 years, 11 mos. 14 days" -- which would indicate a date in 1870.

Miss Jobelle Holcombe of Fayetteville has given a memorable accounting of the history and appearance of this lovely country cemetery. She mentions the stack stone walls still standing and the remains of the chapel, which for many years served as a church until a cyclone destroyed it. From this chapel in mid-April of 1853 Hannah Rieff was buried. She had lived 72 years, and the preacher might have said of her life that it was a tapestry, woven with more bright colors than dark ones. She had triumphed over hardships of pioneering and had successfully reared six of eight children, two being lost young.

(As has been reported before, Hannah was born in North Carolina, the daughter of Henry Ross and a Miss Mitchell. Her father, a native of Ireland, fought in the Revolutionary War. He was guarding prisoners near Guilford Court House when the battle of the same name took place. Later he emigrated to Tennessee where he was one of the first settlers of Wilson County, and where, on December 23, 1799, he served as one of the magistrates who organized the first court for the new county. The meeting took place at the house of Capt. John Harpool, which was near Lebanon. It was at Lebanon in the mid-1790s that Andy Jackson set up one of his stores for settlers. This early mart dealt both in necessities and luxuries, including whiskey from Andy's own distillery!)

From Rieff's Chapel in November of 1853 Polly Rieff Brinson was buried. She was 39 years old. Unlike her mother, she would never see her children married. She would never know how Martin fared in California. She would never admire the fine house which her younger brother Henry would build in Fayetteville in 1857. But she would never endure the personal conflicts of the Civil War, with her son Johnny fighting for the Union cause, Henry and her nephews for the Confederate cause. She would never hear about Oren losing his two sons.

Thomas Brinson had lost a wife; and his children, in eight short months, had been deprived of both grandmother and mother. They were six youngsters: John (17), Susan (15), Martha (13), Elizabeth (11), James (8) and Margaret (5). There is no word of how they managed in the stricken household. Doubtless, the eldest daughter, with the help of the next, managed to raise the smaller fry. There is one glimpse of these sisters grown. Dr. H. D. Wood of Fayetteville, who once saw them assembled at a family funeral, mentioned them many years later to my mother, saying, "The Brinson women were beautiful." No mention has come down of James, the younger brother.

John Brinson, at least, considered himself -- and was considered -- old enough to marry, for a year later, on November 2, 1854, he took to wife Cyrene Kincade Wood who had been born in 1836 at her father's farm on the Middlefork of White River. Cyrene's parents were John and Sarah Wood who had come to Washington County from Tennessee in 1828 with John's parents, John and Aevis Wood. John Wood Jr and John Wood Sr are both listed on the Sheriff's Census of 1829 as heads of families, as was Isham Wood. Isham, who helped locate Fayetteville in 1828, was either cousin or uncle to Cyrene and is buried with the others of the Wood family in King's Cemetery, Washington Co., Ark.

Jarrett Wood, who apparently arrived in Arkansas about 1830, was a younger son of the senior Wood and had been born in Tennessee. John Wood Jr was born in Kentucky. Frequent mention of Jarrett Wood is found in the records of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which he served in many capacities, including that of Elder. Among his many children were Andrew S., famous as a school teacher in the Black Oak area, and Harvey Doak, better known as Dr. H. D. Wood.

John and Cyrene Brinson lived all their lives on a 160-acre farm at Black Oak. Records show John also owned a house in Fayetteville which was probably used by his children. Only four children, out of eight, were alive when Cyrene died in 1910. One of these was Thomas Andrew Brinson, my grandfather, who had married Amanda Gollaher.

Amanda was one of the daughters of the marriage of Henry Gollaher and Jane Dunlap which occurred in Washington County July 3, 1853. In 1856, Henry Gollaher was a juror in the trial of Anthony, Randall and Aaron, three slaves accused of murdering Dr. James Boone. He owned property in Greenland, Ark. and was evidently associated in business with one of the Peersons there. During the Civil War the Gollaher farm suffered frequent depredations from bushwhacking raids, and one time the house was fired.

It was on August 16, 1919 that John Brinson died in Fayetteville. He made his last trip up the hill to Cato Springs to be buried in the Rieff's Chapel cemetery beside Cyrene and his daughters, near his parents and grandparents. He had carried the genes of his grandfather's longevity. He was 83 years old.

Marriage Bond and License of Thomas M. Brinson and Mary Rieff

STATE OF TENNESSEE, WILSON COUNTY

Know all men, that we Thomas M. Brinson and A. S. Winford of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of said State, for the time being, in the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid to his Excellency, his successors in office, or assign; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, and each every one of us and them, both jointly and severally, firmly be these presents. Witness our hands and seals this 25 day of Nov 1834.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas Thomas M. Brinson hath prayed and obtained a license to marry Mary Rieff; now if the said Mary Rieff be an actual resident in the aforesaid county, and there shall not hereafter appear any lawful excuse why the said Thomas M. and Mary should not be joined in holy matrimony as husband and wife, then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Thomas M. Brinson (Seal)
A. S. Winford (Seal)

To any Regular Minister of the Gospel having the Care of Souls, or any Justice of the Peace for said County -- GREETING:

These are to authorize you, or either of you, to solemnize the rites of MATRIMONY between Thomas M. Brinson and Mary Rieff of your county agreeable to an Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided:

Provided always that the said Mary Rieff be an actual resident of your County, otherwise the same shall be null and void. -- Witness, Josiah S. McClain, Clerk of Wilson County Court, at Office, this 25th day of Nov 1834.

J. S. McClain, Clerk

I certify that I solemnized the rites of matrimony between the within named parties.

E. P. Horn J.P.

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McCLELLAN FAMILY IN ARKANSAS AND ALABAMA

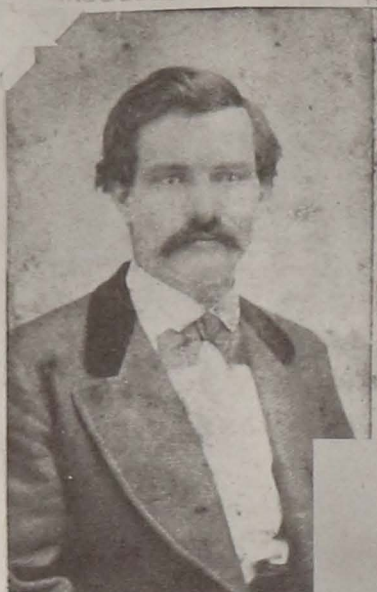
(See accompanying picture pages)

John McClellan (1768-1842), son of William McClellan and Barbara Walker, came to Washington County, Arkansas, about 1833 when he was 65 years of age. He had married Mary (Polly) Wallace in Knox County, Tennessee in 1794 and they reared nine children. Some of the descendants of their youngest son, Evan White McClellan (1811-1881), an early farmer and merchant of Cane Hill, Washington County, Arkansas, are shown on the following two pages. The fifth generation of this branch of the McClellan family still lives in Cane Hill in the home built by their ancestor, White McClellan. It is interesting to note that the youngest member represented in these pictures is the namesake of the first member of the family in Arkansas - John McClellan.

The Alabama branch of this McClellan family is represented by the picture page showing General William Blount McClellan (1798-1881) of Talladega, Alabama, the second son of John and Polly McClellan. Wm.B. was a cadet at West Point in 1815, and served at approximately 65 years of age as Brigadier General of the 16th Alabama Brigade in the War Between the States. The pictures of his descendants are his daughter, Mary Wallace McClellan Jones; his grandson, John Early Jones; and his great-grandson, Julian Everette Jones, all of whom lived and died in Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, and the last picture on this five-generation picture chart, the great-great-granddaughter of Wm. B. McClellan, presently lives in that city. She is Bobbie Jones (Mrs. Gerald B.) McLane.

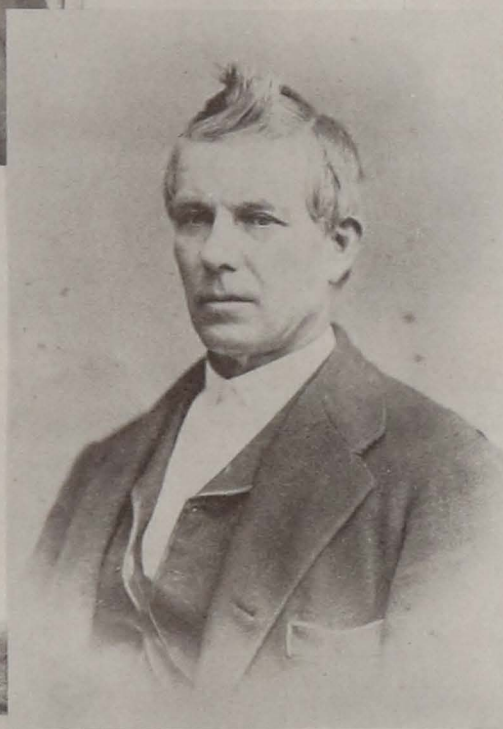
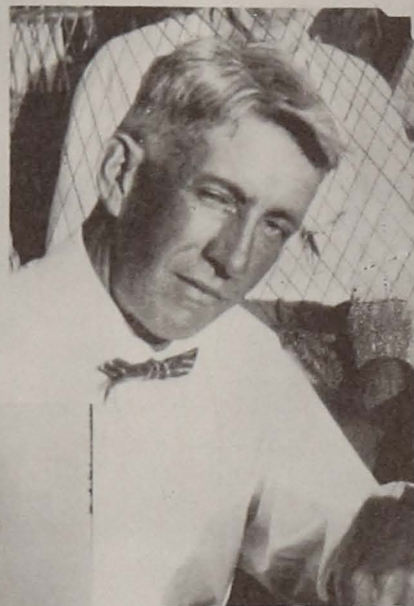
(Editor's note: These are only a few of the many fine pictures that will appear in Mrs. McLane's history of the McClellan Family, to be published this summer by the Washington County Historical Society. -- WJL)

61. Samuel Getty
McCLELLAN



FIVE GENERATIONS
AT CAPE HILL, ARK.

168. Harrison White McCLELLAN



308 Charles Getty
McCLELLAN

18. Evan White
McCLELLAN



376. John Harrison
McCLELLAN

Some of the Children of
18. EVAN WHITE McCLELLAN

59. JOHN T. McCLELLAN



58. MARY ELIZ. McCLELLAN
AND her COUSIN
48. Augustus Roby McCLELLAN



60. SARAH ANN McCLELLAN
& husband
DR. JOHN THOMAS BOOTH



62. ADA CARTER McCLELLAN
FOREMAN

Five Generations

12. William
Blount
McClellan

42. Mary Wallace
McClellan
and daughter
114. Edna Jones



113. John Early Jones, Jr



-263.
JULIAN
EVERETTE
JONES



356. Bobbie Jones McLane

"THE STORY OF MY HEART"

An intimate account of the Rev. Philip Cone Fletcher's four years service as pastor of Fayetteville's Central Methodist Church, 1904-1908.

(Editor's note: This article is from the Reverend Fletcher's book, "The Story of My Heart", published in 1929 at San Antonio. This is Chapter VI, entitled "The Athens of Arkansas." Its local interest is in the many Fayetteville names and the author's judgment of his contemporaries. Also, in his account of local events -- for example, Governor Jeff Davis' public firing of the University president at the 1905 commencement exercises.

(Philip Cone Fletcher devotes a chapter to each church that he served: Siloam Springs, Eureka Springs, Fayetteville, First Church and Mt. Auburn Church in St. Louis, Texarkana, Winfield and First Church in Little Rock, and Laurel Heights in San Antonio, Texas. This little-known book is in the library of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville and was called to our attention by Mrs. Hudson, the church historian.)

"The Athens of Arkansas"

Fayetteville is "The Queen of the Ozarks" -- beautiful, picturesque, charming. A lovelier spot cannot be found in America. Fayetteville is "The Athens of Arkansas" -- classical, elite, historic, romantic. Here clusters much of the fine culture and sentiment of the commonwealth. Here many noted men and women of the Nation have come as "distinguished speakers" and "honor guests".

Here is now located the Methodist Western Assembly, on lofty Mount Sequoyah, overlooking the city and the valley. Thousands gather at this already famous summer assembly ground for study, recreation, and fellowship. Dr. Alexander Copeland Millar is the founder the president; Dr. J. L. Bond was the first superintendent, and he was succeeded by Rev. S. M. Yancey. The Assembly Association owns 440 acres, which include hilltops, beautiful springs, mineral water well, tourist camp, cottages, library, cafeteria, book store, dormitories, chapel, athletic field, playground for children, and all modern conveniences.

Bishop Joseph Staunton Key, the aged, venerable and saintly prelate of Southern Methodism, who presided over the 69th session of the Arkansas Conference, at Prairie Grove, Nov. 23 to 27, 1904, appointed me to the pastorate of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

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Rev. Edward R. Steel was my predecessor. He had rounded out a monumental quadrennium, and had brought to completion the handsome temple of worship which was almost finished during the constructive four years of Dr. Henry Hanesworth.

I faced a most inviting situation -- a fine, cultured membership, a university packed with the flower of the young manhood and womanhood of the State, among them some six or seven hundred Methodist students.

On the occasion of my first public appearance, I was greeted by a packed house. I remember how my heart burned with a passion to so "preach Christ" as to enable all who heard me to see Him as "the One above ten thousand and altogether lovely".

At this distance I recall some of the scenes of that service. How they stand out upon memory's page. There, straight before me, sat the scholarly, dignified, gracious, benign John L. Buchanan. On the front seat, to my right, sat the quiet, discriminating, penetrative, critical George Wesley Droke, pulling at his red goatee. A little farther back was seated the classical, thoughtful, sincere, far-seeing John Hugh Reynolds, with that subdued smile playing across his face. To my left sat the robust, red-faced, jovial, brusque but warm-hearted W. G. Vincenheller. There was William T. Nesbit -- solemn, reserved, scrutinizing, yet affable, moving along the aisles -- assisting in ushering the people to the pews. We became good friends. He was known as "The Censor". These fine laymen I already knew and they naturally attracted my attention. Others I came to know and love and honor as my contacts with them became numerous and intimate through the four years that stretched out before me.

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During my Fayetteville pastorate, I came to know many of the men and women about whom the rich history of the city clustered -- men and women whose lives were a part of the warp and woof of the texture of the place: such as Stephen K. Stone, Judge John N. Tillman, Rev. H. J. Vaulx, Dr. George W. Droke, Rev. B. J. Dunn, Rev. N. M. Ragland, Dr. Wood, A. M. Byrnes, Dr. Charles Richardson, Albert L. Trent, Hon. B. F. Campbell, Col. Ben R. Davidson, Mrs. Sarah Pettigrew, Judge J. T. Hight, Ben H. Stone, Capt. E. B. Harrison, Miss Lila Rollston, Mrs. Fanny Wooddy, J. H. Williams, M. F. Gray, George W. Rattenbury, Dr. W. N. Yates, Dr. A. S. Gregg, Hon. J. Vol Walker, Dr. E. F. Ellis, Bruce Holcomb, Dr. W. B. Welch, George Sutton, Charles W. Appleby, J. H. McIlroy, Dr. John Clinton Futrall, Hon. E. B. Wall, Hon. R. J. Wilson, Miss Sue Walker, A. C. Hamilton, C. C. Conner.

The Fayetteville Church is one of the oldest and most distinguished churches of Methodism in the Southwest. It had its beginning in 1831, when Rev. John Kelly was pastor of the Washington Circuit. In 1832 he was succeeded by Rev. Alvan Baird.

From 1831 to 1842 the town of Fayetteville was a part of the Washington Circuit and during these years the church was served by such prominent ministers as Rev. H. C. Joplin, Rev. John Harrell, Rev. W. H. Bump, Rev. Hiram Gehring, Dr. Andrew Hunter, Rev. Jacob Custer, Rev. W. T. Anderson and Rev. Stephen Carlisle. And later the Washington Circuit was changed to the "Fayetteville Circuit". Another group of leaders were pastors: Rev. H. C. Boyers, Rev. Alexander Avery, Rev. Thomas Stanford, Rev. Lewis Marshall, Rev. R. M. Morgan, Rev. M. C. Manley, Rev. L. P. Lively, Rev. Young Ewing and Rev. Walter Thornbury.

In 1857 the Fayetteville Church was made a "station" and Rev. John Rhyne was the first pastor - giving all of his time to the one church. He was succeeded by Rev. George A. Schaeffer, a transfer from the Alabama Conference, in 1858.

Between the years of 1859 and 1886, this famous church was served by Rev. R. W. Hammett, Rev. Thomas Stanford, Rev. W. M. Robbins, Rev. Jordan

Banks, Rev. William Mathis, Rev. E.J.Daune, Rev. Jerome Haralson, Rev. S.G.Gaines, Rev.Thomas Wainwright, Rev.J.J.Robers, Rev.S.A.Mason, Rev. R.S.Hunter, Rev.F.A.Jeffett, Rev.William Penn, Rev.M.E.Butt.

From 1886 to 1904 there came another group of great leaders, who proclaimed Christ at this "center of learning": Rev.George W. Evans, Rev. Ben H. Greathouse, Rev. Edward A. Tabor, Rev. Stonewall Anderson, Rev. James A. Anderson, Rev. Henry Hanesworth and Rev.Edward R. Steel.

My quadrennium came to a close in the autumn of 1908 and I was transferred to St.Louis. Since my happy pastorate terminated, the following ministers of distinction have filled this pulpit with ability and success: Rev.J.W.Herring, Dr.Marion Nelson Waldrip, Rev.L.M.Broyles, Rev. W.E.Boggs, Rev. Ashley C. Chappell, Rev. H.E.Wheeler, Rev. J.A.Womack, Rev.H.L.Wade, Rev. James M. Workman and Dr. William Sherman.

While I was pastor of the Central Church, we celebrated the 75th year of the planting of Methodism in Fayetteville and the 50th year of the church as a station. Bishop Eugene Russell Hendrix preached the two sermons - one at the morning hour and the other at night - and the occasion was one of unusual interest throughout Arkansas Methodism. Dr. William Sherman assisted in the service. Prof.C.G.Carroll and his exquisite choir rendered special music. Mrs. B.S.Grabill, the highly skilled musician, was at the organ. Mrs.M.C.Bateman of the University rendered a lovely solo. Dr.John Hugh Reynolds presented marble tablets carrying the names of all of the pastors, and these were accepted and dedicated. Mr.Stephen K. Stone - in his 89th year and the oldest member of the Church - was present and occupied a seat of honor.

I found the officuary of the Central Church composed of a number of able and outstanding men of the church and city - Prof.John H.Reynolds, Prof.George W.Droke, Col.W.G.Vincenheller, Dr.John L.Buchanan, William T. Nesbit, A.L. Trent, A.F. Wolf, Prof.J.J.Knoch, Dr.A.C.McAdams, K.A. Key, J.J. Baggett, W.B. Collins, J.P.Smith, J.F. Porter, C.W.Phillips, J.T.Taylor. During my quadrennium I added to the official board the following splendid men: Major Elias Chandler, Hon.R.O.Herbert, Captain J.T.Eason, J.D.Parks, Dr. Otey Miller, Fred Jones, H.S.Price, and W.B. Rees. From each of them I received the most genuine cooperation and loyalty. No wonder the church went forward splendidly.

Dr.John Hugh Reynolds, head of the department of history and political science at the University of Arkansas, was chairman of the Central Church official board and also superintendent of the Sunday School, during my four years. No pastor ever had a more sane, strong, cooperative, loyal, progressive, far-seeing official than was he. No forward movement ever lacked his active championship and whole-hearted devotion.

Prof. George W. Droke, who has for more than 40 years been connected with the State University, from which he graduated in 1880, was one of the great leaders of the Central Church. For more than 30 years he had been an official. He is strong, heroic, exacting, but devoted and loyal to the Kingdom. He is a "Fundamentalist" and keeps his "theological sword" sharp and ready. "Daddy Droke" - as he is called by thousands of students -- has given many a young man a conception of "the judgment day". If he appears "hard boiled", it is because but few know how tender is his great heart.....He is a fine Christian gentleman. Though I was his pastor for four strenuous years, he never intimated to me till I was leaving that he commended or approved anything I did

or said. He kept the flowers for the "funeral", as it were. He never knew how, at times, I longed for just a rosebud while I was in the thick of the battle. "Save not your kisses for my dead cold brow; the way is lonely; I need them now."

John L. Buchanan was a princely Christian gentleman. I had learned to love and honor him when I was a student in Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va. in 1889 and 1890, when he occupied the chair of Latin in that institution. He was for many years one of the leading educators of his native Virginia. He was a man of great brain-power, fine heart-culture, ripe scholarship, platform eloquence, and personal charm. He became president of the University of Arkansas in 1894 and I was transferred from the North Georgia Conference to Arkansas the same year. During my Central Church pastorate he was a most delightful and helpful friend and brother. In 1922 this truly great man died in Virginia. His body was brought back to Fayetteville, that it might rest beside that of his wife. I was called to assist his pastor, Rev. John Womack, in conducting the funeral rites, I then being pastor of First Church, Little Rock. To a multitude of people I paid loving tribute to his noble life and distinguished career. He ascended at the age of 90 years. Mrs. W. Jerome Reynolds of Fayetteville, his queenly daughter, I have known since she was a lovely golden-haired girl on the campus at Ashland.

A. F. Wolf, known as "the financial qizard", reached the zenith of his remarkable achievements during the time that I was his pastor. The story of his career reads like a fairy tale. About 1900 he drove into Fayetteville in a buggy, pulled by a "second-hand" horse. With him was his wife and baby -- these were his sole possessions. By 1904 he was called "our first citizen". He occupied a suite of offices which included the entire second floor of the McIlroy Block. He had in his employ over 50 people. He was engaged in selling town-sites for the Frisco Railway Company. He had a large part in many of the great enterprises of the community. He was a member of the company that built the Washington Hotel. He was a stockholder in the Arkansas National Bank. He erected the Wolf Block. He bought the "Arkansas State Building" that was erected at the St. Louis World's Fair and had it re-built on Mt. Nord and occupied it as his family residence. He promoted the Washington County Fair. He had a great heart, a resourceful mind, an indomitable will, and a winsome personality. His success finally aroused jealousies and animosities. Some whom he had befriended, turned against him and sought his downfall. I was close to him and became acquainted with the facts, which re-proved the truth that real friends are not often found in a selfish world like this. His fine soul was stung by the treachery and ingratitude of some. But he pressed forward and recovered some of his losses. The strain had been severe and as a consequence his health broke. In June 1910 I happened to be in Fayetteville on business. I learned of Mr. Wolf's serious illness and called to see him. Death was rapidly approaching. After I had commended him to the God of all mercies, he pulled me down to him and spoke confidential words into my ear. I was a few days later called back to assist in his funeral and on June 19 I paid loving tribute to his memory from the Central Church pulpit. His funeral was one of the largest in the history of Fayetteville. He died at the age of 34, having accomplished what it usually takes a long life-time to achieve.

SOME FAYETTEVILLE MEMORIES

from "The Story of My Heart" by the Reverend Philip Cone Fletcher,
pastor of Central Methodist Church 1904 to 1908.



The Official Board of Central Methodist Church
during the Reverend Fletcher's ministry.

Upper row: — J. J. Knoch, J. F. Porter, K. C. Key, A. F. Wolf, J. J. Baggett.

Center row: — W. B. Collins, J. P. Smith, P. C. Fletcher, J. H. Reynolds, J. T. Taylor, W. G. Vincenheller.

Bottom row: — A. I. Trent, W. T. Nesbit, G. W. Droke, C. W. Phillips, A. C. McAdams.

Mrs. M.J. Rollston was one of the most interesting characters that I knew during my Fayetteville ministry. She had a spectacular career during the Civil War and was an "unsurrendered rebel" and gloried in the fact. Spartan blood coursed her veins. She possessed the spirit that produces heroes, patriots and martyrs. Her distinguished husband, Capt. William Rollston, was editor of "The North Alabamian and Times" of Tusculum, Ala. during the conflict. Mrs. Rollston was loyal to the South and felt it her duty to in every way possible aid her native land and retard the success of the Federal army. Her strong convictions, great courage, ardent devotion and unflinching determination led her to attempt a number of daring deeds. She took a delight in outwitting the Union forces and harassing the Federal soldiers. Finally she was chased across several states and captured in Illinois. She was banished to Canada, but before the order could be carried out, she gained an audience with General U.S. Grant and he had the order rescinded. During Mrs. Rollston's last illness I was often at her bedside. She lived in the past and found happiness in telling of the experiences of those tragic years. Shortly before her great soul ascended, she related to me the facts of her "banishment", and said: "I told that Federal officer, 'Send me to Canada if you want, and when I get there I will sing God Save the Queen and ----- the Yankees!'" She died on April 2, 1905, and the following day I officiated at her funeral. She was the mother of Miss Lila Rollston, who for many years has been one of the intellectual, religious and social leaders of Fayetteville.

Col. Alfred M. Wilson, who was born June 8, 1817 and died July 2, 1907, was one of the most remarkable men connected with the rich history of Fayetteville. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, Capt. William Wilson, immigrated to Kentucky in 1782 and was an intimate friend of Daniel Boone. He settled in northwest Arkansas in 1835. He resided in Fayetteville for 66 years and took rank among the foremost legal lights of the Southwest. He served as U.S. District Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas under the administrations of Presidents Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan. During his long and colorful life he occupied many positions of great responsibility. For years in Fayetteville he and his distinguished son, Hon. Robert J. Wilson, practiced together. On July 3 I officiated at the funeral of this noted man. My tribute to his life and character was adopted by the Fayetteville Bar Association and spread upon the minutes of that body. He passed into God's eternity at the age of 90 years.

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The most notable wedding of my quadrennium was that of Miss Mabel Sutton to Rev. Alfred W. Wasson. The church was filled to overflowing with their loved ones, friends and admirers. Miss Sutton was the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton. She was a member of the faculty of the State University. Mr. Wasson was a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Vanderbilt University. He had been accepted as a missionary to Korea. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F.S. Johnston, Rev. E.R. Steel and myself. The happy couple left immediately for San Francisco, from which port they sailed for Korea. For 20 years they resided in the Orient, where Dr. Wasson served mightily as pastor, presiding elder, college professor and president.

The Central Church, during my pastorate, was highly favored in having on its roster a number of members of the faculty of the University namely: Professors George W. Droke, J. H. Reynolds, C.G. Carroll, J.C.

Futrall, A.M. Mockenfuss, J.J. Knoch, C.F. Adams, J.W. Carr, R.E. Philbeck, W.S. Renick, D.Y. Thomas, W.M. Bruce, A.J. Thomas and C.H. Tourgee.

Prof. Futrall, who was then occupying the chair of Latin and Greek, has since 1914 been president of the University. He is a man of fine character, pronounced ability, and attractive personality. He is leading the educational forces of the state splendidly.

On June 14, 1905, it being the commencement occasion, I was seated on the rostrum of the university assembly-hall, beside Dr. Henry Simms Hartzog, the president, when Governor Jeff Davis, in the presence of the large assemblage, "beheaded" Dr. Hartzog, politically speaking. A difference had arisen between the two, growing out of the campaign which was waged between Governor Davis and Judge Carroll D. Wood. This disagreement caused the Governor to oppose the re-election of Dr. Hartzog, and he was defeated, but it was not generally known till Governor Davis announced the election of Judge John N. Tillman. It had long been the custom for the Governor of the State and the President of the University to march side by side from the President's office to the assembly hall, but on this occasion an exception was made. I, as the minister chosen to offer the invocation, marched with Governor Davis, and Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Steel, who had been chosen to deliver the baccalaureate address, accompanied Dr. Hartzog. When the Governor made the announcement of Dr. Hartzog's defeat, a wave of excitement swept over the great audience, and it looked for a time as if there would be a student demonstration. When Governor Davis sat down, Dr. Hartzog jumped to his feet, and in a few words declared that he had been "the victim of politics" and that while he had gone down in defeat, he had gone down with "the banner of honor flying". Then, lest Governor Davis might reply, he said "Dismissed", and the multitude filed out of the building.

There was no objection to the election of Judge Tillman, for he was beloved and honored by all Fayetteville where he had grown from boyhood to distinguished and noble manhood. Many did resent the political and vindictive aspects of the affair. Judge Tillman made a splendid president. For 14 years he has been a member of Congress, where he had made a notable record.

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There was a beautiful galaxy of Marys and Marthas in the Central Church, the memory of whom brings to my heart a thrill after the elapse of more than two decades -- Mrs. J.M. Chandler, Mrs. W.T. Nesbit, Mrs. K.C. Key, Mrs. J.L. Buchanan, Mrs. C.W. Phillips, Mrs. A.L. Trent, Mrs. W.G. Vincenheller, Mrs. E.F. Ellis, Mrs. B.H. Stone, Mrs. J.J. Knoch, Mrs. J.D. Parks, Mrs. F.A. Houck, Mrs. W.M. Davis, Mrs. Florence Couch, Miss Lila Rollston, Mrs. M.F. Gray, Mrs. Harry Hust, Mrs. W.L. Stuckey, Mrs. B.E. Grabill, Mrs. George Sutton, Mrs. J.H. Reynolds, Mrs. J.L. Bozarth, Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Mrs. W.A. Ramsey, Mrs. Illroy Nettleship, Mrs. H.S. Price, Mrs. John P. Smith, Miss Amanda Stone, Mrs. S.K. Stone, Mrs. C.M. Todd, Mrs. A.F. Wolf, Mrs. W.J. Reynolds, Mrs. A.M. Muckenfuss, Mrs. W.W. Chapman, Mrs. J.A. Davenport, Mrs. J.T. Eason, Mrs. L.A. Galvin, Mrs. J.E. Mock, Mrs. C.M. Oliver, Mrs. J.F. Porter, Mrs. G.W. Rattenbury, Mrs. A.M. Wilson, Mrs. J.H. Williams,

Mrs. M. A. Schoolfield was one of the beautiful aged "saints" of the Church. On March 1, 1929 her loved ones celebrated her 100th birthday.

Captain and Mrs. J.M.Chandler and their highly gifted daughter, Miss Lillian Chandler, were among our dearest friends. We had known them since our arrival in the State. Their house was our second home. Mrs. Chandler was a daughter of the noted pioneer preacher, Rev.Young Ewing and a sister of Mr. John M. Ewing of Siloam Springs who blessed the "young couple" during their first pastoral adventure in the West. The father and mother are long ago with the redeemed. The daughter resides in Los Angeles.

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My Fayetteville ministry enabled me to touch the lives of thousands of the flower of the young manhood and womanhood of the commonwealth, and hundreds of those whom I came to know and love are now prominent in business, educational, political and religious circles.

I had in my church and choir a vigorous and gifted young man by the name of Lee Cazort, who was a student in the University, from Lamar. In the coming years he was destined to become a prominent figure in state politics. He was the youngest man ever elected speaker of the House and president of the Senate, and is one of two men who have held both positions. He served four years in each house of the Arkansas General Assembly. In 1924, he contested for the nomination for Governor against Tom J.Terral, Judge John E.Martineau, Hamp Williams, Jim G. Ferguson and Jacob R. Wilson. Mr.Terral was nominated, having received 46,000 votes. Mr. Cazort came second with 38,000 votes. In 1928, he was elected Lieutenant-Governor. I have watched his "climb" with real joy. A man of destiny is the "Honorable Lee Cazort".

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When the parting time came -- which meant severing the sacred ties existing between pastor and parishoners -- many tokens of kindness were bestowed upon us. A farewell reception was given in our honor, presided over by Dr. George W. Droke. Speeches of felicitation were made by Dr.William Sherman, Dr.John Hugh Reynolds, Dr.W.A.Whittle, and Dr.Droke. A lovely solo was sung by Mrs.James E. McConnell.

I had the Sunday night previous,preached my final message to a house packed to its utmost capacity, taking as my text "The God of love and peace be with you". Miss Mamie Phillips- beautiful in soul and voice-- sang the "goodbye" solo.

I left a large harmonious church. Hundreds had been added to the roll of members. Great congregations had waited upon my ministry. I left with love in my heart for all. On Sept. 27, 1908 we departed for St.Louis...Rev.J.W.Herring, a transfer from Huntington, West Virginia, succeeded me..... Thus closed four delightful years at the "Athens of Arkansas."

(Editor's note: Chapter headings in Mr.Fletcher's book are the names of the churches he served, thus:

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| 2 - Siloam Springs | 6 - Mt.Auburn, St.Louis |
| 3 - Eureka Springs | 7 - Winfield, Little Rock |
| 4 - (California) | 8 - First Church, Texarkana |
| 5 - Fayetteville | 9 - First Church, LittleRock |
| 6. First Church,St.Louis | 10 - Laurel Heights Church,
San Antonio, Tex.) |

THE ISAAC CATES AND MARK SMITH FAMILIES

The pictures on the following pages are from a history of the pioneer Cates and Smith families of Washington County, written by Margaret Ann (Smith) Troutman and soon to be published by the Washington County Historical Society.

The Cates family came from Catesby, England, settling first in North Carolina and then on into Tennessee. A John Cate was the first Cate coming into Tennessee from North Carolina. He had at least 12 sons. These sons married and scattered all over Tennessee and other states.

In Jefferson County, Tennessee, on March 24, 1807, Isaac Cate and Susannah Maynard were married. There were other Cates in Tennessee. A list of taxpayers of 1800 in Jefferson County includes Charles Cates Sr., Charles Jr., John and John Jr., and William Cates.

Mrs. Troutman says: "I am sure that the Isaac Cates and Susannah Maynard who were married in 1807 in Tennessee are my Cates ancestors who went to Arkansas Territory and were living in Pope County in 1830 (Census of 1830). In the 1840 Census of Prairie Township, Washington County, Arkansas, there lived Isaac Cate (one male between the ages of 50 and 60), one female between the ages of 40 and 50 (this would be Susannah), and three children. The next household listed was that of Ephraim Cate (between the age of 30 and 40), one female between 20 and 30, and three children. On the other side of Isaac Cate lived John Cate. He was between 20 and 30, and his wife was between 15 and 20. Her name was Comfort."

In the 1850 Census of Washington County (Marrs Hill Township) are the following:

Household 42 -- Thomas F. Weldon 26, wife (Malinda Cate) 20 and one son.

Household 44 -- Susan (Susannah) Cates 60, Ephraim Cates 40, and three children.

Household 45 -- John Cate 33, Comfort 28, and six children.

Household 47 -- Louicey Smith 37 and six children, all born in Ark.

Mrs. Troutman found seven Cates and Smith marriages between 1846 and 1857, in the marriage lists published in FLASHBACK.

And in Goodspeed she found that Isaac Cates was appointed an election judge in Clear Creek Township, Washington County, for the first state election in 1836. Another election judge was A. (Allison?) Smith in Illinois Township.

The story of the pioneer Cates and Smith families is a fascinating one, as can be seen from the accompanying pictures. Mrs. Troutman was successful in finding many old photographs. She has appeared previously in our publications, with articles on the Robinsons and Morrisons of Benton and Washington Counties, especially John Robinson who is buried in Thornsbury Cemetery on the Benton-Washington County line. He is one of the few soldiers of the American Revolution buried in our county.

FROM THE SMITH-CATES FAMILY ALBUM



Picture of Mary Mankins Cates and husband, John Cates. She was daughter of Peter Mankins, Jr.
(Belongs to Lydia Johnson, c/c S. Scoriers R. 1, Box 196, Sapulpa, Okla.)

The Washington County Historical Society has in preparation a history of the Smith-Cates families of our county. The pictures on these pages are from this history, which was written by Mrs. Margaret Troutman, a direct descendant.

At the left is a picture of Mary Mankins Cates and her husband, John Cates.

Below is a photo of William Henry Smith and wife, Margaret Jane Morrison. The Morrisons lap over into Benton County and are related to the Robinsons, Douglasses, and other families.

(Photos courtesy of Mrs. S. D. Troutman Hazleton, Indiana)



William Henry Smith and wife, Margaret Jane Morrison

FROM THE SMITH-CATES FAMILY ALBUM



From left to right: James Muse Smith, Robert Allison Smith, and Britt Finley Smith, sons of William Henry and Louisa (Cates) Smith.



Hardware store of Britt and Jim Smith at Lincoln, Ark., in 1906.

Photos by courtesy of Mrs. Margaret Troutman,
Ellettsville, Indiana

FROM THE SMITH-CATES FAMILY ALBUM



From the collection of Smith-Cates family photos.

Photo at left is of relatives of the Smith or Morrison families.

Photo below shows a baptizing at Osage Mills. Most of the persons present were from the Methodist Church at Highfill.

The arrows on the picture point, left to right, to:

Grandfather William Henry Smith,; Morrison Douglas, son of Sarah Emily Morrison and Thomas Hopkins "Hop" Douglas; William W. Smith, son of Wm. Henry Smith.



Baptism at Osage Mills, Arkansas. The girl being immersed is Henrietta Douglas, foster daughter of Milton and Dora Douglas.

Photos by courtesy of Mrs. Margaret Troutman,
Hazleton, Indiana

NOTES ON THE HOLCOMBES

Mrs. John Reeder, 4545 Georgia St., San Diego, 16, Calif., who has held membership in our Society for several years, discovered a book in the San Diego library entitled "The Holcombes, National Builders." She was so intrigued with her discovery -- she's a native of Washington County and was here a year or two ago researching the Oldham family -- that she copied, for us, passages referring to Washington County Holcombes. She says the book weighs 8 lbs, so it must be the one that the University Library has on its genealogical shelves. Here are a few of the items that Mrs. Reeder copied and sent to us:

Page 834. John Holcombe emigrated from S.C. to Ky., then to Ind. He married July 24, 1829 at age of 23, Dorothy Wilbanks. They had 16 children. He joined the Regular Baptist Church in the Salem Association of Southern Indiana. In 1832 he moved to Washington Co., Ark., where he was ordained an Elder and in 1840 was set apart for work in the West Fork Church of the Regular Baptists. He was in the ministry 40 years. He died one day before his 79th birthday and is buried in Springdale, Ark. His wife, Dorothy Wilbanks was born 15 Jan. 1808 and died Springdale 18 Feb. 1874. The Rev. John Holcomb was born 10 Dec. 1797; his parents were Jeremiah Holcomb and ---- Mercer. He died 9 Dec. 1876 at Springdale, Ark. Children of John Holcomb and Dorothea Wilbanks were:

1. Sarah, b 30 April (?); d 3 July 1824 in Ind.
2. Joseph, b 2 Nov. 1825; d 19 Aug. 1904 in Fayetteville, Ark.
3. William Henry, b 28 Oct. 1827 in Ill.
4. Tabitha, b 27 June 1829 in Ill.
5. Elihu, b 10 June 1831 in Ind.
6. Alpha, b 7 April 1833
7. Mary, b 28 April 1835
8. Reuben W., b 4 July 1837; d 30 Nov. 1851 in Wash. Co., Ark.
9. Martha, b 4 April 1839
- 10 John Howard, b 1 April 1841
- 11 Ellen, b 13 Feb. 1843
- 12 Dorothy, b 2 July 1845
- 13 Silas Mercer, b 23 June 1847
- 14 George Washington, b 14 Aug. 1850
- 15 Catherine, b and d 15 July 1852
- 16 Frances S., b 1853, d 1853.

Page 46. Walter Holcomb, son of Carlos Holcomb and Lavinia Bushnell, was born 13 Oct. 1853 at Litchfield, Co. Conn. Grad C.E. degree from Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, in 1877. Served for a year in engineering corps building the Mo., Ark. & Sou. R.R. from Fayetteville, Ark., via VanBuren, to Paris, Tex. Afterwards practiced law in Texas (1881) and in Minnesota (1884-1896), later Connecticut.

Page 331. The statement of Joseph Holcombe "remembered by his granddaughter, Mrs. Cener Boone (Holcombe) Ellis of Fayetteville, Ark. that he was a 3rd cousin of Lucy (Holcombe) Pickens, wife of Governor Pickens of South Carolina, lacks one degree of corroborating the relationship as brothers between said Richard II and John I. This book treats said Joseph and Lucy as 4th cousins.

Page 664. Isaac Winchell Holcombe came to Benton Co., Ark. 1887 and died at Fayetteville, Ark. His widow Caledonia and children: Ray W., Phineas, Charles W., Owen, Opal, and Loren James, moved to California.

-Page 505. William Holcombe is recorded as William M. in the 1850 and 1860 census of Washington Co., Ark., with family. He may be the William Holcomb who served in Co. H, 7th Arkansas Confederate Regiment and who married Sarah, born Ark. 1820.

J. H. Holcombe may be the John H. Holcombe who served as a Confederate soldier in the 4th Texas Infantry. He was living in Washington Co., Ark in 1901, although there is a report of the death of a J.H.Holcombe in 1868.

George Holcombe is recorded in the 1860 census of Washington Co., Ark. as G.P.Holcombe, farmer, born Ark 1842-43. He is listed with his family in the 1870 census.

William Holcombe is recorded in the 1860 census of Washington Co., Ark. as a farmer, 30 years old, born S.C., with a wife Frances, 27 years old, also born S.C. Their issue: Joseph 1857-58, Ada 1858-59.

Page 884. Joseph Holcombe left his father's farm at age 19 and went to Fayetteville, Ark., to attend school and work in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court. He is recorded in the 1860 census of Fayetteville as a merchant living in the home of Stephen K. Stone, merchant. Stone was then 40 years old, born in N.C., and owning property valued at \$63,000. Joseph Holcomb's property is shown as \$2,500 real estate and \$10,000 personal. Joseph Holcombe moved to Hempstead Co., Ark., where he married (1st) on 1 Dec. 1860 Cener Boone. He married (2nd) on 25 May, 1869 Sarah Isabelle Smith. Their children were:

Cener Boone, born 9 May 1870 at Springdale
Robert Bruce, born 1 Oct. 1873 at Fayetteville
Jobelle, born 5 Feb. 1877 at Fayetteville
George Roy, born 24 March 1883 at Fayetteville

Mrs. Reeder copied a lot of more recent items for us, such as:

Walter Everett Holcombe of Elm Springs, Washington Co., Ark. married there 14 Nov. 1926, Lena Elizabeth Payne, born Lincoln, Ark., 8 Oct. 1905. Their children, born in Fayetteville, were Bonnie Jim, 1927, and Everett Allen, 1931.

Opal Holcombe married at Fayetteville, Ark., 1 Feb. 1931 Orval L. Summers.

Daniel Marion Holcombe married at Fayetteville, Doris May Highsmith.

Clifford Augustus Holcombe married 7 May 1937 Louannah Riggs, who was born 30 Nov. 1913, the daughter of Lawrence McGee and Myrtle May Phillips of Springdale, Ark. Louannah Riggs became a music student at the age of 4 and received her B.A. degree in Music from the U. of Arkansas in 1935.

The volume from which Mrs. Reeder obtained this information is titled "The Holcombes, National Builders. A Family Having as Great a Part as Any in the Making of All North American Civilization. Their Biographies, Genealogies and Pedigrees", by Mrs. Lewin D. (Hannah Elizabeth Weir) McPherson. Copyright 1947.

We do not plan to read this 8-lb family history, but if any of our members will turn in a history of the Holcombs in Washington County, Ark., we will be delighted to publish it. It's an important family in our county, and should be recorded in FLASHBACK.

THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Compiled by R. R. Logan

Class of 1911

Noah Adams, president
Mary Clark
Willie Fuller
Helene Hinds
Jewell Hughes
Grace Hedrick

Floy E. Hurst
Aileen McCoy
Bess phillips
Marion S. Price
Harry M. Roberts
Margaret Sutton

Exercise held: May 19, 1911

Valedictorian: Margaret Sutton

Salutatorian: Noah Adams

Class of 1912

Beulah Smith, president
Ford Dubbs
Hadley Harris

Wilton Johnson
Vivian Moliere
Eunice Rodgers

Exercise: May 17, 1912. Address: Rev. E. W. Saphore

Valedictorian: Wilton Johnson. Salutatorian: Vivian Moliere

Class of 1913

Allen Zoll, president
Ruth Childress
Eulah Clark
Ethel Dotson

Hugh Lawson
Lela Mhoon
Margaret Wilkinson
Nell Reubell

Exercise: May 23, 1913. Address: Prof. W. B. Torreyson

Valedictorian: Allen Zoll

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Class of 1914

Bryan Stearns, president
Kate campbell
Katherine Davenport
Margie Deen
Gladys Dowell
Julian Dyer
Irene Engles
Bernice Gilbreath
Joseph Howland
Ione Johnson

Kara Jordan
Ruth Iano
Gorham Leverett
Esther B. Marlowe
Bryan Milburn
Maynard G. Montgomery
Nan M. Moore
Ralph W. Shreve
May Smith
Peter Ed Smythe
Mamie Tollett

Exercise: June 5, 1914. Address: Dr. J. R. Jewell

Valedictorian: Ralph W. Shreve. Salutatorian: Margie Deen

Class of 1915

Ray Webb, president
Winifred Belts
Loy E. Barton
Willie Florence Brown
Cordie B. Cabe
Gussie Cabe

Robert Renic Logan
Reuby Mae Landron
Madge Emily Lewis
Nora Esther Marbel
Iva Goldie Moore
Leone L. Moore

Class of 1915 continued

Cora Clyde Collins
 Laura Ellen Crozier
 Ethel Davis
 Elma Deen
 Thelma Drain
 Perle Mary Dutt
 Ira C. Forgey
 Pearl Gladys Gollaher
 Milton Gordan Gulley
 Mabel Clyde Hall
 Horace Hunn Harding
 Jeanette Harrington
 Hubert Bynum Hinds
 Lucile Irene Hiscox
 Sam Jory
 James Denton Kennan
 Zora Aurelia Ward

Lottie L. Moore
 Henry Mott
 Virginia Bell Neely
 Ethel May Phillips
 Evangeline Pratt
 Neva May Porterfield
 Frederick Louthur Oliver
 Nelson B. Potter
 Herbert Lloyd Ratliff
 Ernest Glenn Riddell
 Elmer Byron Shoffner
 Isabella Smith
 Arthur Alden Stearns
 Jerome F. Thompson
 Alice Tidball
 Cora Vickers
 Ralph Webb
 Harold Ernest Wheeler

Exercises: May 28, 1915. Class Address: Dr. C.W. Pool
 Salutatorian: James D. Kennan. Valedictorian: Clyde Collins

Class of 1916

Compiled from class picture, by Ruth (Fuller) Skillern

Ruth Felton
 Ora Rogers
 Rosa Sellaman
 Mary Lee
 Louise Wilson
 Beatrice Robertson
 Elizabeth Keeter (Teeter ?)
 Caroline Gregg
 Nell Carter
 Florence Gregory
 Eva Lucas
 James Ptak
 Ada Stephens
 Travis Polk
 Frances Hall
 Helen Jory
 Jennie Harris
 Verd Shofner
 Catherine Bell
 James Barger
 Elvis Newland
 Laura Porterfield

George Zoll
 Edith Coker
 Ruth Fuller
 Albert Wallace
 Gladys Blackmun
 Locke Shivel
 Ruth Hunt
 Jessie Freyschlag
 Donald Parker
 Fern Felton
 Arthur Johnson
 Carrie Decker
 Lester Knoch
 Lura Massengale
 Norris Skaggs
 Lester Cox
 Ferrel Sullivan
 Anna Marbel
 Mabel Webb
 Harvey Phillips
 Lillian Clark
 Virginia Hight

Date of exercises, names of valedictorian and
 salutatorian not available.

Class of 1917

(Taken from school records and class walk)

Nina Ables
 Maurice Albright
 Nora Welch Black
 Alfred Wm. Campbell
 William Sam Cannon
 Leah Eoff
 Robert Greaves
 Margaret Gregg
 Lucile Harbison
 Margaret Harris
 Hazel S. Hinds
 Leo Heerwagen
 Harriet Mather
 Maibelle McCulloch
 Miriam C. Moore
 Hugh P. Moffit
 Lillian L. Neely

Ann Marie Nelson
 Mary Grace Paddock
 Catheryn Pettigrew
 Maude Phillips
 Fount Richardson
 Gladys Roberts
 Ruth Rosencrantz
 Bertha Russell
 George Russell
 McKinley Russell
 Gaston Skaggs
 Mabel Squyres
 Charlotte Soule
 Evangeline Smith
 Mary Stearns
 Thelma Vaughn
 Helena Vickers

Class of 1918

Lee J. Bossemeyer, president
 Robbie Marietta Adams
 Spencer Albright
 Lela Viola Barton
 Earl Houston Barton
 Margaret Amelia Bates
 Lucy Theresa Basset
 Lillian Alice Brewster
 Lela Mae Broyles
 Christine Amelia Carter
 Versa Carter
 Mary Frances Cannon
 Opa Marille Coffey
 Ray Jack Clark
 Rachel Flagg Crozier
 Dora Deen
 Roy Herbert Elliott
 Flossie Eunice Evans
 Edith Marguerite Garrison
 Mildred Gillespie
 Malcolm Harrington Gold
 Mary Jane Gray
 Earl Franklin Ham

Helen Gertrude Harbison
 Florence Harrington
 Leroy J. Harrington
 Leona Johnson
 Dorothy Dee Knerr
 Frances Claire Lewis
 Velma Lewis
 Esther Lollar
 Florence Josephine Marshall
 Lillian Emily Massie
 Mary Cecelia Mulrenin
 Harold Roberts Parker
 Eloise Perkins
 Florence May Phelan
 Frank W. Pickel, Jr.
 Vernon Jay Poe
 Ruby Nell Polk
 Davis Payne Richardson
 Lois Virginia Rodgers
 Catherine Mary Smith
 Maris Emerson Stephens
 Edith Marjorie Townsend
 Frances Lucille Wilson
 Ida Angelena Wozencraft

Exercise: May 24, 1918
 Address: Rev. M. L. Gillespie
 Valedictorial: Lela Viola Barton
 Salutatorial: Spencer Albright

Class of 1919

Bess Katherine Carson
 Margaret M. Carson
 Mildred Louise Conner
 Myrl Vesta Charlesworth
 Lawton H. Cox
 Walter S. Dyer
 Loy Grady Dakon
 Martha Belle Ellis
 Rozella Mary Fietz
 Marie Vivian Gill
 Charles Adley Gregory
 Helen Irene Hart
 Mable Lulu Henry
 Mildred Elizabeth Johnson
 Pat Johnson
 Pauline Ryvers Jones
 Eugenia Kennard
 Felix Albert Kimbrough
 William G. Mather

Marguerite McCullough
 Delphine Laverna Moore
 Ina Jewell Moore
 Wilma Nettleship
 Velma Pearson
 Harry Phillips
 Roy W. Porterfield
 Thelma Katherine Rieff
 Vincent M. Ripley
 Harold L. Root
 Duke M. Root
 Maegene Ruble
 Margaret Louise Ruppel
 Dilla Belle Russell
 Dewitt M. Smith
 Bernice Amber Raylor
 Elizabeth F. Thompson
 Milton G. Towne
 Katherine Neill Wilson
 Frances Anna Woodruff

FASHIONS OF THE 80's

From Mrs. Mertye McIlroy Bagby comes an old newspaper clipping and this note: "Mr. Lemke: This clipping was in the effects of Bob Greaves and I'm sure had belonged to Mrs. C.D. Greaves who was Miss Lena Rhodes in the article. Sterling Cockrill of Little Rock sent it to me and if you care to print it, do so."

Here is the story, as it appeared in the June 7, 1887 issue of the Fayetteville Republican:

WHAT THE LADIES WORE

AT the Athletic Association's Grand Ball at the
 1887 University Commencement

Miss Lina Reed, red and lemon satin en train
 Miss Laura Yeater, white embroidered swiss and moire
 Miss Ada Cravens, white flannel in silk passanterie
 Miss Lena Rhodes, pink nun's veiling, hand-painted satin front
 Mrs. J. D. VanWinkle, corn batiste with oriental lace overdress
 Miss Jennie Pittman, delicate pink satin
 Miss Lelia Cravens, black chantilly with cameo pink surrah
 Miss Bell Coffey, cream albatross
 Mrs. Vol Walker, blue satin with cream lace
 Miss Julia McRoy, oriental lace and natural flowers
 Miss Lillie Collins, Nile green albatross with pink plush front
 Miss Joe Lewis, cream mull and pink surrah
 Miss Nettie Baum, white nun's veiling
 Miss Maud Reed, Grecian costume of white lace
 Miss Eddie Wade, ecru and oriental lace
 Miss Nannie Walker, white embroidered mull
 Miss Emma Rieff, white organdie with cream ribbons

THE INDUSTRIOUS DANES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

by Ruth Holt Payne

On the Weddington Road, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Lincoln, a sign "Mountain Home, The Jensens" has recently been hung. The Jensens have come home to live on their farm which has been widely known as "The Dane Place" for more than 50 years.

Conrad Jensen and his uncle, Charles Hansen, who were active in the development and culture of this area, arrived in the United States from Copenhagen, Denmark in 1907. Equipped with a letter of introduction from Dr. Rinehart of the University of Arkansas, they came to Northwest Arkansas in time to participate in the apple industry through its peak of production. They learned the principles of apple growing from Stark Bros., who were then located in Farmington.

In 1908 they purchased a 40-acre farm east of Lincoln and later increased it to 160 acres. As much of this land was in timber, they cut cordwood which they shipped from Suttle Switch, then 3 miles east of Lincoln, to a lime kiln in Fayetteville, for the price of \$1.75 per cord.

As these industrious Danes were city-bred, their transition to rural life held many amusing incidents. Naturally, they knew nothing of farm stock and learned (?) to harness a horse by watching a neighbor who hitched up their horses but went away and left them to face the puzzling task of unharnessing. Conrad was certain he could do the job as he had tackled successfully every other obstacle in the way of becoming a farmer, so he buckled down and proceeded to unbuckle every buckle on the harness. When he had the harness all apart, the horse was undressed but there was a maze of straps and buckles to put back together. It took considerable time and dogged persistence but the job was completed, without the help of a neighbor.

Being familiar only with huge Percherons pulling loads of beer barrels in Denmark, they had no conception of the capacity of "horse power" here. As a consequence, they loaded a sleigh with rocks beyond the power of their team to move it and when the mules didn't budge it, they decided they had been sold a balky team.

However, they soon adjusted to their new way of life and began a thriving industry. They dealt in apples of their own, leased other orchards, took over some on shares and were among the first to use insect spray. They owned one of the first sprayers and did spraying for the public as well as their own. They shipped raw apples from Suttle Switch and dried some in their home evaporator which they sold for shipping on the streets of Lincoln.

They established a cannery on their farm, with the cooking capacity of 60 cans at a time at first, but later put in regular equipment, standard for that time. They used the "Victory" brand on their labels, and during World War I shipped to points in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. At that time a factory in Maryland patented the name brand and

they were forced to relinquish it. They dropped only the last letter, though, making the word "Victor". They canned tomatoes and sweet potatoes, employing many hands during their period of operation.

Chas. Hansen originated the floats in this area and he and his nephew built them for the Apple Blossom Festivals in Springdale, at least once winning second prize for Lincoln. Mr. Hansen was also an author, numbering two published books among his works in the Danish language at the time he lived there. While here he also wrote articles for two New York newspapers and was a book reviewer. He organized a dramatic club in the Bellview district, traveling to different places to put on his show.

About 1927 the firm of Hansen and Jensen dissolved. Conrad, who had married Ruby Holt in 1917, went to Oklahoma to work, and his family followed two years later. Mr. Hansen stayed on the farm until about 1934 when he returned to his native Denmark. While there he continued his writing and had two more books to his credit when he died several years later.

Mr. Jensen, whose versatile abilities led him to a varied career, including gold mining and government work in Hawaii during the second World War, eventually chose woodworking as his vocation. Now, as a hobby, he constructs beautiful furniture in his workshop on the farm. We assume he finds it less complicated and more satisfactory than re-assembling a set of harness.

The Jensens have restored the old home, preserving the original log structure and wide plank flooring of that day. They have three daughters, one living in San Antonio, Texas and two living in Oklahoma City, and ten grandchildren.

WCHS MEMBER PUBLISHES TERRITORIAL HISTORY

Thomas Rothrock's new book, "Wilderness to Statehood with William E. Woodruff", is a unique presentation of Arkansas' territorial days. It tells the story of Arkansas from 1819 to 1836 in the words of the publisher of the Arkansas Gazette, thus giving this history a vitality that no re-telling could produce. Thomas Rothrock of Springdale, who is a long-time member of the Washington County Historical Society, says this in his "Author's Note":

"It was the thought of the author (or co-author) of this volume to let the story of Arkansas' far-off Territorial days be told by one who was there. Under the inimitable style of its founder and editor, William E. Woodruff, the Arkansas Gazette's early pages come alive. One can almost hear the slap of the river steamboat's paddle wheel; well nigh become embroiled in the deadly serious political campaigns; imbibe the fervent patriotism of a new province in a young nation; feel fear of the yellow fever, smallpox and cholera's ravages; watch anxiously the painfully slow educational and economic advance of the pioneers; by the story's close almost hear the crack of the Civil War's first shell over Sumter. There is an intimate touch which the retelling of the story by one now living could not bring."

The attractive 218-page book was printed by the Times-Echo Press and bound by the Dierkes Bindery of Eureka Springs, Ark. Copies may be ordered from the author (Route 4, Springdale, Ark.) or from the Washington County Historical Society. Price is \$3.95.

TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS



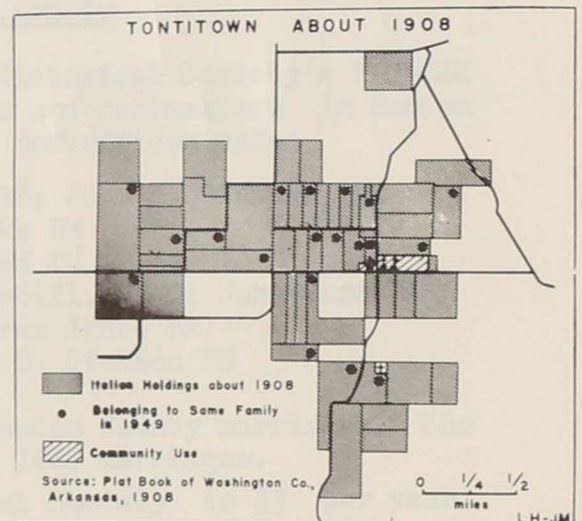
Tontitown School in the Early Days



Super-market and Post Office now occupy the school site shown above.



*St. Joseph's
Tontitown Ark.*



Daughter of Pioneer Cane Hill Preacher

I am enclosing my check for membership in the Washington County Historical Society. I was born in Cane Hill. At that time the home of my parents, Rev. I.A. and L.P. Gaither, was in California, but my mother went home to Cane Hill on a visit and didn't get back until my twin brother and I were about $3\frac{1}{2}$ months old. We were born at our grandmother's home, Mrs. White McClellan, better known as Miss Sara Jane.

My mother was Miss Lou Parker McClellan and she, along with a cousin of hers, Mr. Joe Mynat of Atlanta, Ga., got some of the family tree that Bobby McLane sent you from Hot Springs. During the years that I worked in Tulsa, I spent week-ends in Cane Hill. Of course, we lived there two different times of about seven years each, being away about ten years in between.

On second thought I will make my check for \$5 and the extra can be used for expense on the McClellan booklet.

-- Miss Mary Gaither,
369 N. Pepper St., Woodlake, California

Admiral Is Native of Our County

James B. Childs, 1221 Newton St. N.E., Washington 17, D.C., sends us a tear sheet from Parade magazine of May 6 that contains an article entitled "The Spy War -- Who's Winning?" We had read the article when it appeared in the Arkansas Gazette but did not know that Admiral Laurence Frost who commands the National Security Agency is a native of Washington County, Arkansas -- until Mr. Childs told us. Quoting from the article, "NSA is currently headed by a former chief of U.S. Naval Intelligence, Admiral Laurence Frost, who is almost a complete unknown to his countrymen, yet his job and mission are most vital to the nation's welfare." Mr. Childs adds: "Admiral Frost was born in Washington County, Ark., the grandson of Thomas W. and Polly Boone Frost." Mr. Childs himself is a Boone kinsman. The Boones lived out Elkins way, where there was an early postoffice called Boone's Grove.

Post Offices of Benton County

In its May 1962 issue the Benton County Historical Society's PIONEER began publication of a list of postoffices and postmasters in Benton County (from the National Archives). Early postoffices were:

Osage (later Bentonville), Dec. 31, 1836; John B. Dickson, PM
Sugar Creek, Jan. 5, 1837; Samuel Burks PM
Sherrod, Sept. 12, 1840; Arthur Sherrod PM
Beatie's Prairie (later Maysville), Dec. 21, 1840; John Carr PM
Lindsey's Prairie, July 16, 1842; Andrew Agnes PM
Cross Hollow, Sept. 19, 1843; Ephraim D. Dickson PM

The PIONEER also began publication of Benton County marriages. The first list is from Book A and includes all 1867 marriages.

Membership in the Benton County Historical Society is \$3 per year. Secretary is Huey G. Huhn, Rogers, Ark.

ANTIOCH CEMETERY

This cemetery is four miles south of Morrow, atop Antioch Mountain. This is the hill that lies between Skylight Mountain on the east and Hale Mountain on the west.

Daniel T. Glidewell (1835-1903)
J. Calvin Glidewell (1861-1941) and wife Terressa (1861-1944)
James Glidewell (1860-1934?) and Anna Z. Glidewell (1862-1894)
Robert T. Glidewell (1863-1937) and wife Margrett (1856-1912)

D.R. McCalib (1820-1894) and wife Scynthea (1824-1884)
S. C. McCaleb (1858-1916)
Dovie A., dau. of Ira A. & M.E. McCaleb (1883-1896)

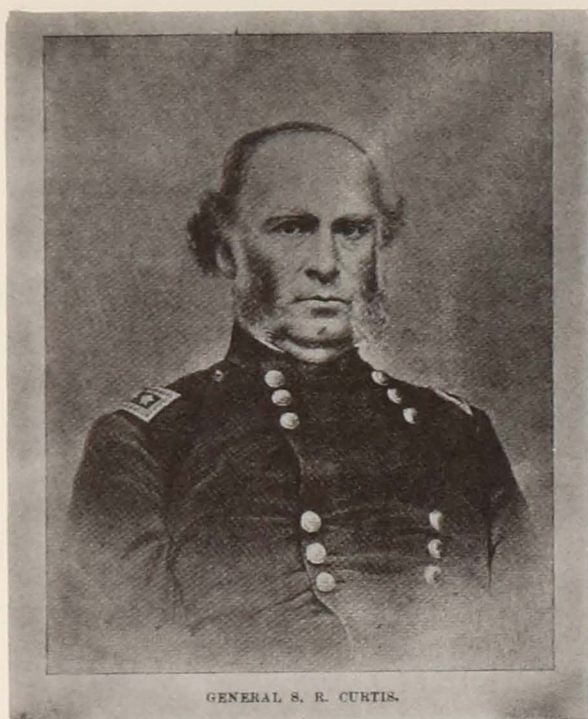
B. Randolph, b---, died 1885
Louis McCawley (?), born 1832, died 1887)
Mary L., wife of J. M. Collins (1847-1884)
Bettie J. Collins (1854-1922)
Elijah Collins (1857-1940)
Mrs. Fannie Collins, wife of David Collins (1860-1928)
John Collins (1855-1935)
Louisa Ann, wife of G. F. Hubbard (1853-1885)
W.J. Whitehouse (1837-1926) and M.E. Whitehouse (1841-1902)
----- Whitehouse (1845-1888)

E. Andrews (1824-1888) and Sarah J. Andrews (1830-1900)
J. H. Andrews (1851-1901)
Katherine Joanna Andrews (1860-1941)
Josiah Bolling (1855- ?) and Scriptra his wife (1854-1900)
Mrs. Callie Whinery (1853-1918)
R. H. Quick (1843-1919)
Rachel Scraper (1852-1908)
T. H. Loftin (1858-1938) and Sarah F. Loftin (1861-1928)
J. C. Hurst (1854-1934) and J. B., his wife (1877-1956)
Wilburn, husband of Mary E. Baldwin (1851-1913)
William S. Huff (1841-1919)
H. L. Holloway (1862-1934) and wife (1877-1937)
J. C. Fletcher (1838-1912) and Mary Fletcher (1848-1937)
T. R. Holcroft (1836-1922) and S.A., his wife (1837-1934)
N. S. Baugh (1838-1913) and wife Amanda (1838-1922)
George C. Baugh (1865-1958)
B. F. Briggs (1851-1917) and wife Martha F. (1855-1937)
J. H. Carlile (1835-1904)
Nancy T., wife of S. C. Fidler (1857-1909)

Richard T. Andrews, Co.D, 1st Ark. Regt. CSA (1832-1915)
Jos. Larremore, Co.L, 15th Mo. Cav., USA (no dates)
John H. Cox, Cpl. 8th Serv Co., World War I (1901-1956)
Elmer Lee Hunt, Sgt. 161st Inf., World War II
Walter R. Tripp, PFC 79th Eng. Maint. Co., World War II (1930-1949)

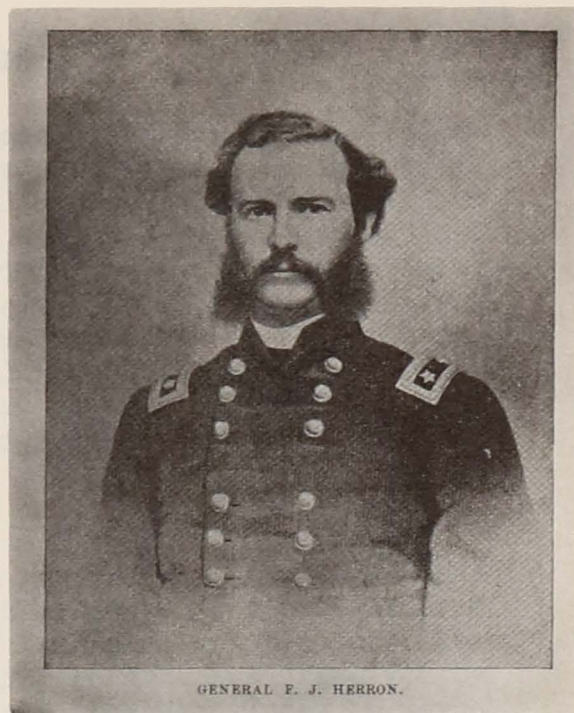
Other family names in the Antioch cemetery are:

Kirkendoll	McCamish	Rice	Hillhouse
Campbell	Copeland	Freeman	Scott
Smith	Cooper	Wilhelm	Holcroft
Nobick	Griffin	Henry	



GENERAL S. R. CURTIS.

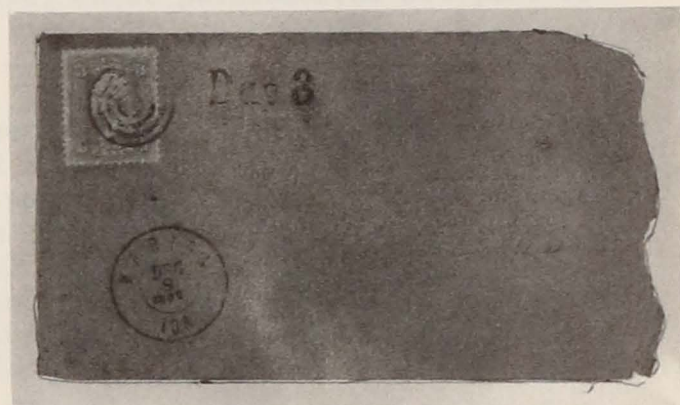
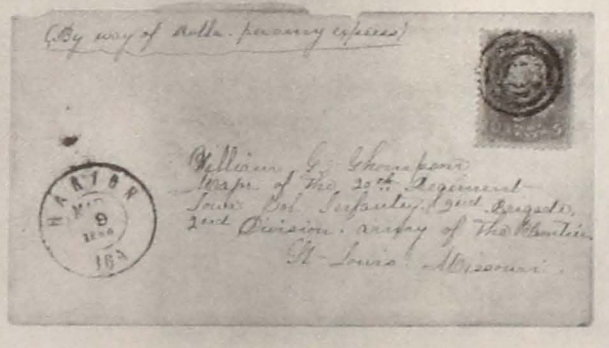
General S. R. Curtis



GENERAL F. J. HERRON.

General F. J. Herron

These handsome steel engravings were sent to us by W. G. Thompson of Tenaflly, New Jersey, whose grandfather fought under both Generals — under Curtis at Pea Ridge and under Herron at Prairie Grove.



The envelopes reproduced above have been given to the Washington County Historical Society by William G. Thompson, grandson of Major William G. Thompson to whom the letters were addressed. It will be noted that the letter from Marion, Iowa, was written to Major Thompson on Dec. 8, 1862, after he had been wounded in the battle of Prairie Grove and was in the army hospital in Fayetteville.

HISTORY NEWS BRIEFS

We are happy to announce that Prof. Deane G. Carter, former secretary of the WCHS and for the past two years with the A.I.D. in Turkey, will return to the U.S. on July 11 and will resume his duties with our Washington County Historical Society. A letter from Mr. Carter says their plane reservations provide for leaving Ankara, Turkey at 7 a.m. stopovers in Istanbul and London, and arrival in Chicago the same evening. That's too fast for us old-timers who remember the pioneers who came into the Ozarks via ox team. We'll be glad to see the Carters back in Fayetteville -- Deane to take over the WCHS office and Gladys to address envelopes and help with the mailing of FLASHBACK. They're the kind of folks who make things go.

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The following item appeared in the March newsletter of the Arkansas History Commission, Old State House, Little Rock: "We have ordered microfilm copies of the 1850 US census of Tennessee and Missouri. Recently we secured film of letters pertaining to Arkansas received by the office of Indian affairs, 1824-1881; and the Hoyt Index to Revolutionary War Pension applications and Bounty-Land Warrant Files."

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Lucile Morris Upton in her "Over the Ozarks" column in the Springfield, Mo., News (March 14) wrote: "The Washington County Historical Society at Fayetteville, Ark., has published a wonderful Pea Ridge commemorative edition of its quarterly "Flashback". The story of the battle includes much basic material that will be important for future researchers. There also are a large number of pictures. The society is planning to publish a special edition of "Flashback" on the 100th anniversary of the battle of Prairie Grove. These publications are part of a \$3 membership -- a big bargain."

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Miss Syble E. Tatom, Box 93, Southern State College, Magnolia, Ark., informs us that the newly organized Lafayette County Historical Society now has 67 members, including two descendants of Arkansas' first governor, James S. Conway. They are Mrs. W.P. Belcher of Benton, La., a great-granddaughter, and George Bell of Bradley, Ark., a g-g-grandson. The Lafayette County society is interested in the study of family histories. The president, D.W. Dennington, named Miss Tatom to contact the proposed Arkansas Genealogical Society.

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The Winter 1961-62 issue of the White River Valley Historical Society's Quarterly published the 1840 census reports for Taney County, Missouri. The enumeration for Taney County in 1840 was 3,264. The list was prepared by Prof. Allan S. Humphreys, Point Lookout, Mo., from the original longhand records in the National Archives, Washington, D.C. Some of the many family names that flow over the state line into Arkansas are Hedrick, Yokum, Neill, Womack, Taber, Stone, Grayham, Lee, Clevenger, Davies, Collins, Sanders, Henson, Price, and many more. The White River Valley Historical Society includes Taney, Ozark, Douglas and Stone counties in Missouri and Carroll County, Arkansas. President is Elmo Ingenthron, Forsyth, Mo.

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WCHS PARTICIPATES IN TWO OBSERVANCES

Our Washington County Historical Society participated in the annual convention of the Arkansas Historical Association at Fayetteville May 4-5. President Tom Feathers reported for our county society at a meeting of county historians presided over by Prof. J.H. Atkinson of Little Rock.

Our Society sponsored a visit to Prairie Grove Battlefield Park on Friday afternoon, May 4, at which a hundred or more visitors from down state (Helena, Stuttgart, El Dorado, Magnolia, Texarkana), expressed their delight at seeing the development of the state's finest Battlefield Park. Our thanks to Tom Feathers, Admiral Powell Rhea, Captain Cox, and Fred McCuistion, who told our visitors about the battle and the Park.

On Saturday, May 5, our Society took part in the dedication of a historical marker at Elm Springs, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Confederate rendezvous at Elm Springs preceding the battle of Pea Ridge. Speakers were D.D. Deaver and W.J. Lemke. This is the fourth marker erected by the Pea Ridge Memorial Association. Ten others are planned, to mark sites connected with the battle that are outside the National Park area. Chief promoter of this project is Mrs. Elsa Vaught, 853 Jackson Drive, Fayetteville. A \$1 bill will put your name on the mailing list.

FAMILY HISTORIES IN PREPARATION

Our Society has in preparation several family and community histories including the McClellan family history (Cane Hill) and the Smith-Cates family history (Lincoln). Also we have the history of Tontitown and the history of the McIlroy Bank ("Oldest Bank in Arkansas") ready for production, in our booklet series.

Since all of our publications are produced by volunteer workers, we cannot name an exact date when these booklets will appear. However, to whet your interest, we are including, in this issue of FLASHBACK, several picture pages from the McClellan family history (by Mrs. Gerald B. McLane), the Smith-Cates family history (by Mrs. S.D. Troutman), the Tontitown story (by Richard Ardemagni), and the McIlroy Bank history. We also have the history of Masonry in Washington County about ready to go, written by O.E. Williams. Everything depends on the membership receipts and especially on "volunteers" who are will and able to cut stencils and run the mimeograph.

Roy A. Scott, our vice-president for finance, informs me that our bank balance as of May 17 is \$650. It will be considerably less after this issue of FLASHBACK is paid for.

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